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A streetcar named 'retire'

TTC survey. Customers enjoy new buses and subways, but criticize 30-year-old streetcars

The TTC may still be the better way, but a new survey by the transit provider shows subway and bus riders think they're getting a more superior ride than those on streetcars.

Nearly three-quarters of them gave the TTC a customer-satisfaction rating of seven or more out of 10 — according to a survey of 1,000 passengers taken at the end of last year — compared to less than two-thirds of streetcar riders.

Subway riders said improvements had been made to the length of waits, the cleanliness of stations and vehicles, the maps inside cars and the ease of buying tokens.

"The spots where we're seeing our customer satisfaction go up is where we're putting our efforts into," says Chris Upfold, the TTC's chief customer officer. "And the cleanliness in buses, streetcars and subways is something we've put a lot of time and effort into."

The higher satisfaction ratings may also be due in part to the new Yonge-University subway trains, which have electronic maps, as well as an increase in the number of subway platform video screens, says Upfold.

Meanwhile, satisfaction among streetcar riders declined from 78 per cent in the spring of 2013 to 65 per cent by the end of the year.

But Upfold says nothing really changed in the last six months of the year.

"The reality is, streetcar service has been the same for the last five years. More and more people are coming, and you still have the same number of vehicles," he says. "Streetcars have gotten more and more crowded."

Upfold says that streetcar passengers may be more dissatisfied because they've seen the recent rollout of new subway trains and new articulated buses on Bathurst Street this year but are still riding in 30-year-old vehicles that lack air-conditioning.

He expects approval to rise when the first of the TTC's new low-floor, air-conditioned streetcars hit the Spadina route on Aug. 31.

The survey also showed bus riders were more satisfied with the length of their trip, the cleanliness of vehicles and the level of crowding.

Despite improvements, the TTC got less than 60 per cent satisfaction ratings on the frequency and clarity of announcements about subway delays, the helpfulness of subway-station staff, the level of crowding in the subway and on streetcars as well as wait times for buses and streetcars. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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O brother, I art beside you

City politics. Coun. Ford commits to brother's mayoral re-election, saying he won't run for provincial seat, this time

The talk

Sources say Tory officials met with Doug Ford last Friday to discuss his provincial aspirations and he told them he would be too busy with the municipal campaign to run. One high-ranking Tim Hudak insider said it was Ford's decision.

Coun. Doug Ford announces he will not be running in the next provincial election at city hall on Thursday. He says he doesn't have time, given he is his brother's campaign manager. ROBYN DOOLITTLE/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Coun. Doug Ford is temporarily putting his provincial ambitions aside so he can focus on getting his brother re-elected.

The elder Ford has been openly toying with the idea of running for the Progressive Conservative Party since 2011. With a possible spring election on the horizon, and the councillor's recent announcement that he was done with municipal politics, many believed he'd be making the jump this time.

But at a Thursday morning news conference outside the mayor's office, the councillor ended that speculation.

"I'm declaring that I will not be running in the provincial election. I'd love to, but you have to put other things ahead of your own political aspirations sometimes. I'll tell you, I will eventually, one day, run provincially," Ford said.

"The timing right now just doesn't work. I'd be letting my brother down. I'd be letting our whole team down. And I can't wear two hats, being a candidate for the PC party and being a campaign manager."

Curiously, Ford said that while he won't be running again municipally, he "wouldn't rule out coming down here (to city hall)," adding "I can assure you, I'll be by his side 100 per cent moving the agenda forward."

Those close to the Ford administration say Doug Ford has always had his eye on the chief of staff job.

Asked if Mayor Rob Ford's recent trouble had anything to do with his decision, the councillor was adamant it didn't. He said he "had a long talk" with Tim Hudak and that the Conservative leader fully understood the timing problem.

During the morning question period, Conservative MPPs beamed at reporters in the legislature and good-naturedly deflected Liberal barbs about the councillor.

"What about Doug Ford," heckled Rural Affairs Minister Jeff Leal.

"He's available," shouted back Conservative MPP Todd Smith (Prince Edward-Hastings).

"A free agent," added an unidentified Tory MPP.

Hudak was not in the house but has quietly made it known for months that he was not interested in the Ford psychodrama coming to Queen's Park.

Hudak backed Premier Kathleen Wynne's call to empower city council to deal with Rob Ford if need be after the crack scandal and has said the mayor should seek help to get healthy.

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Donor clinic planned for child battling cancer

Four-year-old Katie TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Paul Herron and Anne Hodgkinson wake up every day knowing their daughter could die. Their four-year-old, Katie, has cancer, and for the second time in her life she's fighting to stay alive.

"She's scared. She's terrified," Herron said from Toronto's Ronald McDonald House, where the Cambridge family is staying so Katie can get treatment at SickKids Hospital.

"For Anne and I, it's been a parent's worst nightmare."

When Katie was just 15 months old, she was diagnosed with acute lymphoblastic leukemia. But after 25 months of intensive treatment, including lumbar punctures, bone marrow aspirations, chemotherapy and steroids, Katie fought the cancer into remission.

But last November, the cancer was back, and this time Katie would need a stem-cell donor.

"The first time, we never made it public. We kept to ourselves," said Herron. "But because this time she needs a stem-cell donation, we had to get the word out."

No one in the family is a match, and the national registry has yet to turn up a name. This Saturday, Katie's supporters will host a stem-cell donor clinic at the Cambridge Sports Park from 1 to 5 p.m. All that's required for testing is a cheek swab. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Olympic hockey final exceeds hype for former player

Sochi. Tessa Bonhomme knows all about the ferocity of the ongoing Canada-U.S. rivalry

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Sarah Vaillancourt, left, and Tessa Bonhomme celebrate after Canada won the women's gold-medal game at the Vancouver 2010 Olympics. Bonhomme worked as a commentator with Leafs TV this time around, and predicted Team Canada's victory. GENE J. PUSKAR/THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

Tessa Bonhomme had two predictions for the women's hockey gold-medal match: Canada will beat its rival and it will be some of the best hockey the world has ever seen. It turns out she was right.

"I think it lived up to that and then some — if there was anybody out there watching the game not sitting on the edge of their seat, I would like to meet them," she said. "That was two fantastic teams representing the sport of women's hockey to its greatest."

Bonhomme knows what it's like to win — she won gold with Team Canada in Vancouver. She also knows hockey heartbreak — in a decision that surprised many, she was cut from the 2014 team in November. Now she is a commentator with Leafs TV and has come to love talking about hockey as an expert with rare insider experience.

With the Canadian and American teams consistently at the top of the sport, an integral part of the Olympic women's hockey experience is rivalry. Bonhomme recalls waking up at 5 a.m. in 1998 to watch the first women's hockey Olympic final.

"I watched the Americans take that gold medal away from my Canadian team, and that really upset me. From that moment on I knew I never wanted to lose to an American ever again in anything; it didn't matter if it was cards, blackjack, whatever, I didn't want to lose," she said.

As women's hockey gets wider coverage in between Olympic years, younger players are seeing more of that rivalry, she said.

"And they're born with this sense of, I don't want to say hatred toward the Americans, but yeah, in hockey — hatred toward losing to the Americans," she said. "You watch this rivalry take place and finally it's passed onto you, and it's your responsibility to make sure you're living up to all that it's been in years prior.

"I know it's not just on the Canadian side, but the American side as well."

This year before the game, American team captain Meghan Duggan told the media her team was out to avenge their loss in Vancouver.

"The Americans like to use the media to light a fire under our butts and they haven't learned yet that doesn't do them any favours," said Bonhomme. "Our girls understand that these games get much more heated and much more emotional than any other game we play, and we love it."

Could privatization take TTC to next level?

The privatization of the Toronto Transit Commission could literally be the city's third rail.

Any mention of the TTC being packaged up and sold off is largely met with intense opposition. But despite resistance to change, many experts argue that a re-examination of how Torontonians get around is overdue.

Those same experts are divided on the outcome, but in the face of traffic standstills, dilapidated infrastructure and long-term costs, they're willing to put everything on the table just to get the conversation started.

"There are so many different models that the TTC and the province, through Metrolinx, could be looking at, that we should be considering all options," Ben Dachis, a senior policy analyst with the right-leaning C.D. Howe Institute, told the Torstar News Service.

"We need to find ways to provide the lowest-cost service, lowest-cost construction, and lowest-cost operation for our transit."

Patrick Luciani, senior fellow in urban policy at Massey College and co-founder of the Salon Speakers Series in Toronto, argued recently that Toronto should auction off bus routes and sell air rights at subway stations "to entice companies to build a state-of-the-art transit system."

Quoted

"The poor are paying dearly for our system, because it keeps them on transit much too long through very long commutes."

Patrick Luciani, senior fellow in urban policy at Massey College

"We should be drilling subway tunnels 24-7 with the best technology for the next 20 years," wrote the senior fellow at the Global Cities Institute.

"Privatization couldn't be any worse than what we have now. It's been a tremendous drag on Metro Toronto."

But for Dachis, the best plan — at least in the short-term — is not full privatization but rather contracting out transit operations, examples of which already exist in the GTA. York Region's Viva bus rapid transit system is modelled on a private-public partnership, and Bombardier is an integral part of the region's GO Transit system.

"If the TTC is able to provide below-cost services compared to a private company, then the TTC should," Dachis said. "The mechanism that provides the cost savings for Metrolinx and the end user isn't necessarily privatization, it's competition."

Critics of privatization argue that if the government steps back entirely, selling off subway lines and giving up control over fares, some of the poorest riders will no longer be able to afford transit.

"If we're talking about selling the TTC to a private company without any sort of oversight as to what the fares are going to be, then yeah, there's going to be something to these sorts of concerns," Dachis said. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Misconduct

Sentencing looms for cop over unlawful G20 arrest

A Toronto police officer faces one day of unpaid suspension and six days of forfeited time off for misconduct stemming from the G20 Summit in 2010.

In December, Const. Vincent Wong was found guilty of misconduct for the unlawful arrest of Jason Wall during the summit.

Wall was heading home from his girlfriend's house when he was stopped by a group of officers on Yonge Street and arrested for wearing a disguise with intent. He had a bandana tied around his neck.

Wall spent 24 hours in the controversial Prisoner Processing Centre on Eastern Avenue before he was released without charge.

Wong's trial was the first to proceed since the summit more than three years ago and has set the stage for more than two dozen other cases that will stretch into 2015.

Since the G20, Wong has been assigned to large-scale investigations and acted as second-in-charge when his sergeant is away, at times supervising other officers. His internal file contains several commendations.

Already, Wong's conviction prevents him from promotion for at least two years, the tribunal heard.

A decision on sentencing is expected after further written submissions are made next week. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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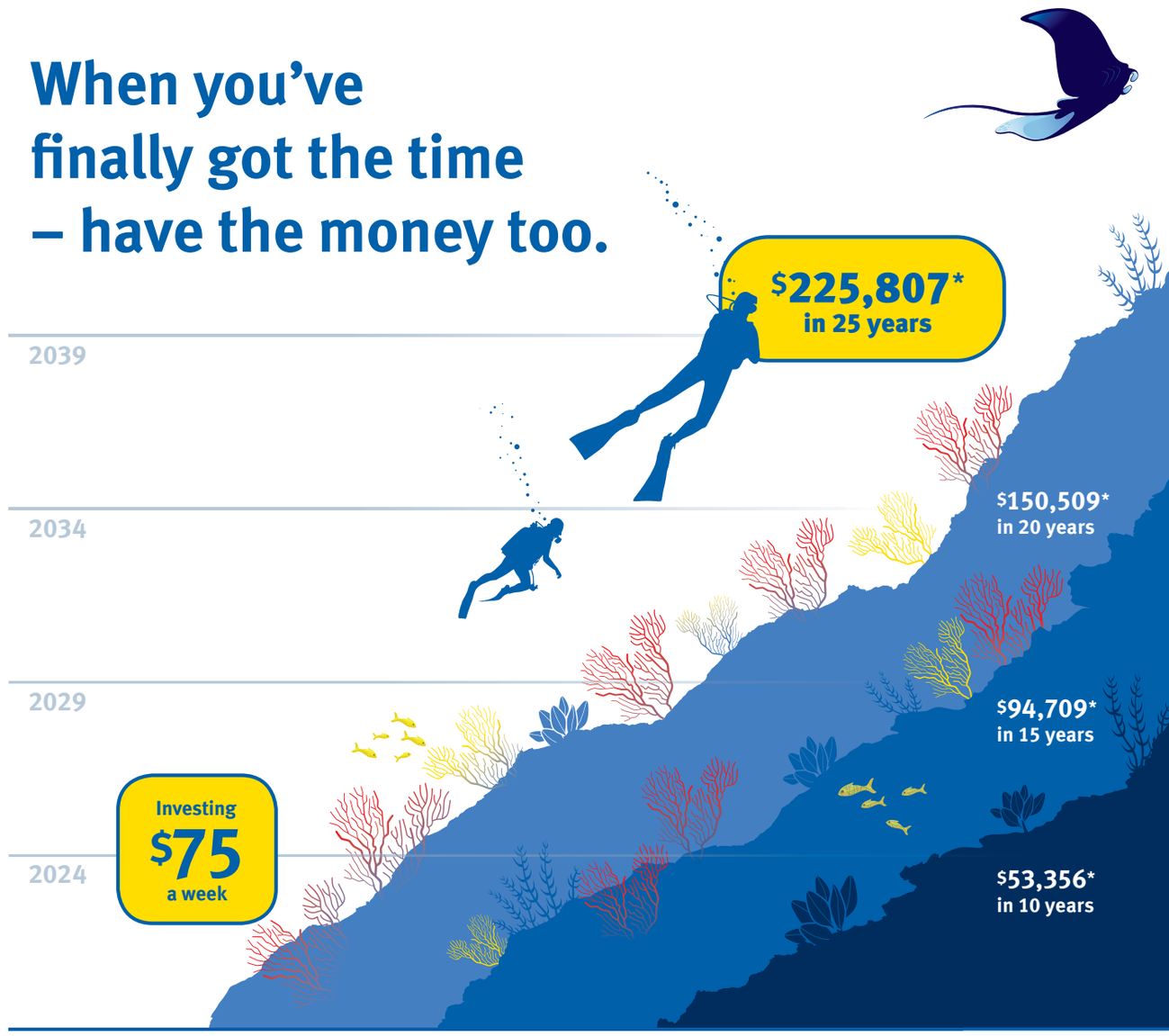

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PRESTO IS A KEY PROMISE IN TTC'S 2014 CUSTOMER CHARTER

ANDY BYFORD
CEO
TORONTO TRANSIT COMMISSION

Following last week's launch of the TTC's 2014 Customer Charter, I would like to expand the various promises we have made and what you can expect by way of service improvements this year.

One of the fundamental improvements you will begin to see this year – and over the next two to three years – is the arrival of the long-awaited Presto fare card. Tokens, Metropasses, tickets and paper transfers will be part of TTC history once all subway stations, buses and streetcars have been fitted with Presto readers.

Presto is already in use on a number of transit systems in Ontario and there are a number of reasons why the full roll-out onto the TTC (Presto readers are in 14 stations today) is only just about to begin.

Given the size and complexity of the TTC and its fare system, it is vital that Presto work reliably from day one. To that end, we are working closely with Metrolinx (our supplier) to ensure total system reliability before we go live. The TTC will be migrating to the latest version of Presto, one that will ultimately allow customers to use debit and credit cards, or even their cell phone, as a means of payment, rather than a Presto-only card.

Our new streetcars will come equipped with Presto readers when they enter service on the 510 Spadina route in late August, and we will equip at least three more subway stations with readers by the end of the year.

I am confident that customers will take to the ease and simplicity of Presto when it arrives. We are working with Metrolinx to speed up overall implementation, while balancing the need to ensure that it is reliable from the get-go.

In the coming weeks, I will use this space to further outline and detail commitments we are making to you in 2014 that are part of our second annual Customer Charter.

PURCHASING PASSES

TTC transferable Metropasses provide an easy, affordable way for customers to enjoy unlimited monthly travel. Here are a few tips to save you time and money:

Purchasing:

- To avoid line-ups on the first of the month, get your pass early. TTC monthly pass sales for Adult, Post-Secondary, and Seniors/Student, begin on the 24th day of each month.
- Metropasses can be purchased using debit, credit or cash from Collector booths at all 69 Subway/RT stations.
- The TTC has 60 Pass Vending Machines throughout the system. The PVMs currently accept debit cards, but will accept credit cards later in the year.
- At the TTC's Customer Service Centre, at Davisville Station. (Weekdays, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., except statutory holidays. Extended hours, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. every Thursday and the first and the last business day of each month.)
- Passes can also be purchased at over 1,200 retailers licenced to sell TTC fares.

Benefits:

- Customers can enjoy unlimited travel.
- Transferable Metropass can be shared with family or friends when you are not travelling with it.
- They are tax deductible.
- Customers who register for the 12-month Metropass Discount Plan receive the equivalent of one free pass per year and free home delivery by mail.

Don't buy Metropasses from someone that you don't know, such as online. If a sales offer sounds too good to be true, it probably is.

For more information and conditions of use, visit ttc.ca.

NO SUBWAY SERVICE UNION TO ST ANDREW ON FEB. 22-23

Ongoing, scheduled construction of the second platform at Union Station means no subway service between Union and St Andrew stations on Saturday, Feb. 22, and Sunday, Feb. 23.

All trains on the Yonge line will terminate southbound at Union Station. All trains on the University-Spadina line will terminate southbound at St Andrew Station. Customers must use the Yonge line to reach Union Station, especially those heading to the Air Canada Centre for the Toronto Rock game on Saturday or the Toronto Raptors game on Sunday.

For customers who require accessible transit, a Wheel-Trans vehicle will be available. Customers are asked to speak with any uniformed TTC employee at either Union or St Andrew station.

Regular subway service will resume on Monday, Feb. 24, at 6 a.m.

EMPLOYEE PROFILE

One of the best things about being a bus operator is that you get to choose different routes. Whether I am driving my bus on the 97 Yonge or the 29 Dufferin, it is great to meet new customers in different areas of Toronto. I always greet my customers with a friendly hello and take pride in getting them to their destination safely.

Name:	Position:	Years of Service:
Jason Simpson	Bus Operator	5

TAKE THE TTC TO EVENTS CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY MONTH: FEB. 21 - 26

FEB. 22:

- **Calypso with Roger Gibbs. Location: Brentwood Library, 36 Brentwood Rd. N.** 102 Markham Rd bus.
- **Family Crafts and Stories. Location: Thorncliffe Library, 48 Thorncliffe Park Dr.** 81 Thorncliffe Park bus.

FEB. 24:

- **George Elliott, City of Toronto Poet Laureate. Location: Nathan Phillips Square, City Hall, 100 Queen St. W.** Queen or Osgoode stations.

FEB. 25:

- **African Roots in Music of the Americas. Location: Agincourt Library, 155 Bonis Ave.** 84 Sheppard West bus.

FEB. 26:

- **Interactive Musical Performance. Location: Mount Pleasant Library, 599 Mt. Pleasant Rd.** 74 Mt Pleasant bus.
- **Caribbean Stories and Music. Location: Oakwood Village and Arts Centre, 341 Oakwood Ave.** 161 Rogers Rd bus.

For more Black History Month event listings, visit toronto.ca/blackhistory/events.htm

COUNCILLOR MARIA AUGIMERI NAMED AS TTC CHAIR

Toronto City Council appointed Councillor Maria Augimeri as Chair of the Toronto Transit Commission. The term of office expires Nov. 30, 2014.

Councillor Karen Stintz gave notice of her intention to resign as Chair in December last year. Councillor Stintz remains as a Commissioner on the 11-member Board that is made up of seven City Councillors and four citizen members. Maureen Adamson, a citizen member of the Board, remains as Vice-Chair.

The TTC's next Board meeting is this Monday, Feb. 24. The public portion of the meeting begins at 1 p.m. in Committee Room 2 at Toronto City Hall.

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Approved! Beers to go with cheers for breakfast hockey

'Bottoms up!' by the crack of dawn. Council extends pub hours to let fans gather to cheer on Canada's Olympic team

Olympics supporters will be able to order a beer as early as 7 a.m. while watching Canada's men's hockey team battle for gold this weekend.

City council voted 37-4 in favour of Coun. Mike Layton's motion to extend alcohol-service hours in most parts of the city.

"We know now that we will be playing for a medal over the weekend," Layton said. The men's bronze-medal game is at 10 a.m. Saturday, the gold-medal contest on Sunday at 7 a.m. The Canadian women won gold Thursday in a sensational victory in overtime over the U.S. team.

Only Mayor Rob Ford and Couns. Mike Del Grande, David Shiner and John Parker voted against the motion.

City council has the power to permit extended bar hours, and has done so before for World Cup soccer and the Toronto International Film Festival, Layton pointed out.

"The one thing we need to remind folks … you've got to drink responsibly. That means if you're going to be out having a beer you've got to make sure you're not driving and you're being responsible for your consumption."

The extended hours apply to bars and restaurants but not nightclubs, and don't include establishments in Ward 9, York Centre; Ward 24, Willowdale; and Ward 11, York South-Weston.

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Party smart

"You've got to drink responsibly. That means if you're going to be out having a beer you've got to make sure you're not driving and you're being responsible for your consumption." Coun. Mike Layton

Toronto's Team Canada hockey fans can party at the same time as these people in Sochi, now that council has approved early alcohol-service hours as the team battles for gold. RICHARD LAUTENS/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Trudeau's first convention as leader begins with a glitch

Technical difficulties. Liberal leader's rehearsal accidentally broadcast to media; speech says Harper has 'no answers' for economic problems

Justin Trudeau's first national party convention since becoming Liberal leader started with a slight hitch:

A rehearsal of his opening speech was inadvertently broadcast to the media room several hours before he was to officially welcome some 3,000 Liberal delegates to Montreal.

In the speech, Trudeau exhorts delegates to stay focused on the economic challenges facing the middle class, and argues that Prime Minister Stephen Harper's government has "no answers to the economic problems that feed fear and anxiety.

And that, he maintains, has helped create the environment in which the Parti Quebecois government has introduced legislation to prohibit public servants from wearing prominent religious symbols.

To Canadians outside Quebec, Trudeau says: "I know you worry about how divisions are being stoked in this province these days, how identity politics are generating fear and intolerance. Well, have faith. This idea that diversity is strength has never been a foreign idea here."

To his fellow Quebecers, Trudeau says: "We have spent too long in protest." And he promises to beat back fear with hope. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Liberal Leader Justin Trudeau addresses his party's policy convention Thursday in Montreal. RYAN REMIORZ/THE CANADIAN PRESS

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The opossums that Metro reporter Rita Poliakov saw at a breeder's house were smaller than the wild opossum, which is pictured above. ISTOCK

So, you want to buy an opossum

'Other pets.' How one reporter's quest for the perfect marsupial led to an imperfect situation

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It didn't take long for the baby opossum to escape my grip.

About the size of my palm, it quickly made its way off my hand, around my shirt and onto the couch. After hours of researching the marsupial, I guess I never realized how quick they would be. Or how agile.

I didn't expect to find myself at an opossum breeder's house on a Sunday morning, chatting about cockroach lunches and ferret pellets. But there I was, watching a full-grown opossum cuddle with its owner. He looked downright adorable.

Scouring the web

My journey may have ended at a breeder's an hour away from Toronto, but it began on Kijiji. My goal was to go through the same steps a prospective exotic pet owner might before finding that perfect critter. And for me, that started online.

On Kijiji, lurking in the "other pets" section, I found a wealth of exotic animals — hedgehogs, Bengal cats and pythons, all just a click away. After a bit of Googling, I settled on a Brazilian, short-tailed opossum. And then I looked up Toronto's animal bylaws.

Opossums, it turns out, are in the prohibited animals list, right in between kangaroos and wallabies.

"Part of the reason for the exotic animal bylaw is these animals need quite a lot of specialized care," said Mary Lou Leiher of Toronto Animal Services. "Opossums, they're still wild animals. They're just being socialized.... That doesn't make them domesticated. Wild animals have different brain chemistry and should be left in the wild."

If I'm caught with an opossum, animal services would try to get me to give up my pet voluntarily. Otherwise, I could get charged and saddled with a fine as high as $5,000.

'They're actually illegal'

"Sure, he would treat my opossum in an emergency, but then he'd inform me of the Toronto bylaws and recommend I take the pet to an animal rehab."

Providing the essentials

Trying to keep my opossum obsession on the down low, I started looking at care options. The breeder suggested using a plastic storage container with mesh on top where the lid would be instead of a cage. The opossum's diet would be a little bit more complicated. Opossums need lots of variety, including ferret food, insects and baby food.

My next step was to talk to someone with experience. Richard Johnstone is an exotic animal science instructor at Sheridan College in Toronto. When living in Australia, Johnstone took in a baby possum (not to be confused with the North American opossum).

"It was delightful. I would bring home all kinds of eucalyptus. She'd sit on the back of the couch and chew them. She was quite sweet," he said.

But when the possum got to adulthood, Johnstone released her. According to the instructor, mature possums can get aggressive when their hormones kick in.

Finding a vet

Armed with information, a hypothetical storage container and lots of cockroaches (also hypothetical), my last step was to find a vet. Which proved to be my downfall.

The Links Road Animal Clinic in Toronto treats all kinds of exotic animals. But Dr. Evan Mavromatis hasn't seen many opossums.

"They're actually illegal," he was quick to tell me. Sure, he would treat my opossum in an emergency, but then he'd inform me of the Toronto bylaws and recommend I take the pet to an animal rehab.

Still, if not for animal bylaws, I think I'd enjoy owning a cuddly, agile marsupial. You know, hypothetically speaking.

Metro reporter Rita Poliakov initially wanted to research buying a Fennec fox, shown here, but YouTube videos showcasing the animal's astonishingly high energy level convinced her to look for something else.

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Day 3: Exotic pets in Canada

After two New Brunswick boys were killed last year by an escaped African rock python, we wanted to understand why so many Canadians bring exotic — and sometimes lethal — animals into their homes and lives. What are the costs involved in caring for such critters? How many of these pets are illegal? And what happens when it all goes wrong?

- **Online.** Read about Jagger, a serval cat who lives in a Regina suburb; escape the clutch of a Burmese python; and hear what the Ikea monkey's mom has to say about having wild friends.

That's not really a pet, is it?

Ranking No. 1 on Animal Planet's Top 10 Peculiar Pets list was none other than the Madagascar hissing cockroach (which produces a hissing sound when air travels through respiratory openings on the abdomen). These roaches could make ideal pets for those living in small dwellings, as the creatures only need a small enclosure with places to hide and sticks to climb. They're also suitable for exotic-animal owners who are on a budget. The insects eat fresh vegetables with dry pellet food that's high in protein. METRO

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Jabba the Hut, or the face of cold-blooded danger? Read below to find out why this African bullfrog named Jeremiah can be a tricky pet. CONTRIBUTED

A soft spot for cold-blooded creatures *

From slithering serpents to creepy crawlies, Valerie Williams' vast array of cold-blooded pets would make even the bravest person cringe. But Williams wasn't nicknamed the Snake Lady for nothing.

Turning 80 this March, she has been all over Ontario educating adults and kids about reptiles, amphibians and insects since 1969. "A lot of people are scared of cold-blooded animals and often overlook how important they are," said Williams, who lives in London, Ont..

In every presentation, she likes reminding her audience about how useful these creatures are in the wild as they perform essential tasks like breaking down plant material to make new soil.

Williams' fascination for cold-blooded animals started when she was a young girl in her native England. At four years old, she was given her first pet snake. "My dad was an environmentalist and he'll just give me pets to take care of so I really appreciated them early on and was never really scared," she said.

Several decades after, Williams' interest has shown no signs of waning. She now keeps 20 rodent-eating snakes from ball pythons and king snakes to milk snakes and her favourite, corn snakes, which grow up to five feet and come in every colour except blue. "They're all extremely well-behaved," Williams said. "I will never do a show with an animal I don't personally know."

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* Surprisingly, snakes aren't the most dangerous cold-blooded pets Valerie Williams owns. That title goes to her African bullfrog, Jeremiah. "He bites just because he feels like it," Williams said. "His kind attacks snakes and will even latch onto lions when they come down to drink in the watering hole." To see how sharp an African bullfrog's teeth are, search for "African bullfrog Erindi Private Game Reserve" on YouTube.

Having trouble with your pet fox? Help's a click away

Online support. Exotic animal owners can turn to Internet forums when they're having problems

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You become responsible forever, for what you have tamed.

That quote from French writer Antoine de Saint-Exupéry has become a mantra for exotic pet owners, but a dedicated Internet community is happy to help newbies shoulder that responsibility.

"Sadly, there are quite a few people who do not get the support they need," says Ash Whatcott, a forum moderator for Sybil's Den, a rich resource for new and prospective owners. "Rehoming an exotic animal is not easy and they can become very stressed."

A stressed animal makes for an unhappy pet, and an unhappy pet can be a destructive force, overwhelming new owners who worry they may have bitten off more than they can chew and marking a point where a helpful community becomes invaluable.

Fable's early days were trying for his owner, Ash Whatcott, but a little help from her online friends went a long way. CONTRIBUTED

According to Whatcott, animals that spend their early days sharing a home are unlikely to find a happier habitat after proving too much for their owners. Many end up in hands-off sanctuaries, which can be difficult for animals used to human contact. Others can end up being euthanized.

Whatcott herself was among the potentially overwhelmed owners after first adopting her red fox, Fable. Foxes are notoriously energetic and clever, traits that can get out of hand for an unprepared owner. Wrestling with red fox red tape such as securing the proper permits can also be daunting.

And though the help provided at Sybil's Den was a huge assist in the early days, the window for potential complications stays open.

"This past fall, I ran into difficulties when Fable's temperament unexpectedly changed," says Whatcott. "By speaking with other members I learned what to do to correct the situation and now Fable is back to his playful, loving self.

"If not for the community, I'm not sure I ever would have seen that cute little white-tipped tail wag again."

Quoted

"Rehoming an exotic animal is not easy and they can become very stressed."

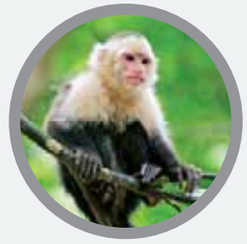
Ash Whatcott, a forum moderator for Sybil's Den

Which famous guy owned an anteater?

Mike Tyson, Vanilla Ice, Nicolas Cage, Justin Bieber, Salvador Dali and Michael Jackson are just some of the celebrities who've kept exotic pets. Guess which one owned which critter. (Answers below.)

Anteater

Octopus



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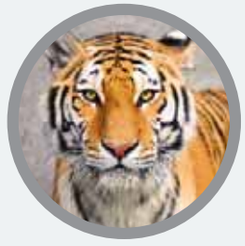

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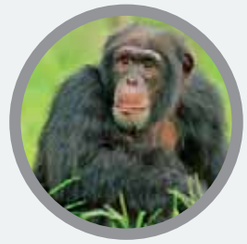

Chimpanzee

Wallaroo

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Answers: Salvador Dali = anteater, Nicolas Cage = octopus, Vanilla Ice = wallaroo, Justin Bieber = capuchin monkey, Mike Tyson = tiger, Michael Jackson = chimpanzee

People pass through Independence Square, the epicentre of the country's current unrest, in Kyiv, Ukraine, on Thursday. Fierce clashes between police and protesters shattered a brief truce in Ukraine's besieged capital, killing numerous people. The deaths came in a new eruption of violence just hours after the country's embattled president and opposition leaders called for a truce and negotiations to try to resolve Ukraine's political crisis. EFREM LUKATSKY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The truce is over: Deadliest day yet in Kyiv protests

Fierce clashes. Medic says scores killed and hundreds wounded in Ukraine's capital

Protesters tossed firebombs and advanced on police lines Thursday in Ukraine's embattled capital. Government snipers shot back, killing at least 70 people and wounding hundreds of others, according to medic Dr. Oleh Musiy.

Video footage on Ukrainian television showed shocking scenes Thursday of protesters being cut down by gunfire, lying on the pavement as comrades rushed to their aid. Trying to protect themselves with shields, teams of protesters carried bodies away on sheets of plastic or planks of wood.

"The price of freedom is too high but Ukrainians are paying it," said Viktor Danilyuk, a 30-year-old protester. "We have no choice, the government isn't hearing us."

Ukrainian President Viktor Yanukovych. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Protesters were also seen leading policemen with their hands held high around the sprawling protest camp in central Kyiv. Ukraine's Interior Ministry says 67 police were captured in all.

President Viktor Yanukovych and the opposition protesters who are demanding his resignation are locked in an epic battle over the identity of Ukraine, a nation of 46 million that has divided loyalties between Russia and the West. Parts of the country — mostly in its western cities — are in open revolt against Yanukovych's central government, while many in eastern Ukraine back the president and favour strong ties with Russia, their former Soviet ruler.

Protesters across the country are also upset over corruption in Ukraine, the lack of democratic rights and the country's ailing economy, which just barely avoided bankruptcy with a $15 billion loan from Russia.

At least 101 people have died this week in the clashes in Kyiv, according to protesters and Ukrainian authorities, a sharp reversal in three months of mostly peaceful protests. Now neither side appears willing to compromise or in control of the streets. The opposition is insisting on Yanukovych's resignation and an early election while the embattled president is apparently prepared to fight until the end.

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Activists evacuate a wounded protester during clashes with police in Kyiv's Independence Square in Ukraine on Thursday. EFREM LUKATSKY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Sochi

A Ukrainian skier has withdrawn from the Olympics to protest the deaths of anti-government protesters in her country.

"I don't want to participate when in my country people die," said Bogdana Matsotska.

The 24-year-old skier is refusing to ski in Friday's slalom, her third and best event at the Sochi Olympics.

Matsotska says Ukraine President Viktor Yanukovych "has to be jailed, and for a long time ... for all the lives that he took."

She says "I hope that I will be heard by the world."

Matsotska wants to join protesters in Kyiv's Independence Square but says she's been unable to book a flight home.

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Canada's reaction

Feds extend travel ban, promise sanctions

Canada is extending its travel ban to cover more senior officials of the Ukrainian government and is promising economic sanctions as well.

Prime Minister Stephen Harper says Canadians continue to be outraged by the violence in the Ukrainian capital.

Last month, the Canadian government imposed a travel ban on some officials and promised medical aid for protesters.

There were no immediate specifics of the wider travel ban, nor did Harper's statement provide details of the planned sanctions.

He does say, however, that even tougher measures are being considered.

He is urging the hardline government of President Viktor Yanukovych to stop the violence that has rocked the streets of the Ukrainian capital of Kyiv.

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Oilsands chemicals hit Athabasca River: Environment Canada study

Tailings ponds seepage. Research tracks toxic substances back to tarsands

New federal research has strongly backed suspicions that toxic chemicals from Alberta's vast oilsands tailings ponds are leaching into groundwater and seeping into the Athabasca River.

Leakage from oilsands tailings ponds, which now cover 176 square kilometres, has long been an issue. Industry has acknowledged that seepage can occur and previous studies using models have estimated it at 6.5 million litres a day from a single pond.

The soil around the developments contains many chemicals from naturally occurring bitumen deposits and scientists have never been able to separate them from contaminants released by industry.

The current Environment Canada study, accepted for publication in the journal Environmental Science and Technology, used new technology to discover that the mix of chemicals is slightly different between the two sources. That discovery, made using a $1.6-million piece of equipment purchased in 2010 to help answer such questions, allows scientists to actually fingerprint chemicals and trace them back to where they came from.

The research was conducted under the auspices of the Joint Oilsands Monitoring Program run by the federal and Alberta governments and funded by a $50-million levy on industry. THE CANADIAN PRESS

A tailings pond at the Syncrude oilsands facility near Fort McMurray, Alta., in July, 2012. New federal research has confirmed that water from vast oilsands tailings ponds is leaching into groundwater and seeping into the Athabasca River. JEFF MCINTOSH/THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

Tracing groundwater

Here's how Environment Canada did its study:

- **Scientists took 20 groundwater samples** at least one kilometre upstream and downstream from development.
- **They took another seven samples** from within 200 metres of two tailings ponds and directly from two tailings ponds.
- **Their focus was on so-called acid-extractable organics,** which include a family of chemicals called naphthenic acids.
- **Those toxins were found in groundwater both near and far from development.** But their chemical composition was slightly different nearer the mines — closer to that found in the water from the ponds.

Amigos? Yes, but not that much

Prime Minister Stephen Harper walks with U.S. President Barack Obama in Toluca, Mexico on Wednesday. SEAN KILPATRICK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

From wheels down to wheels up on Air Force One, U.S. President Barack Obama spent about eight hours on Mexican soil for the Three Amigos summit.

For some, that embodies Obama's attitude towards North American leaders' summits in general and why the so-called Three Amigos club has been in such decline: Obama is just not into it.

"His cameo appearance at this summit sends a clear message that when it comes to North America, Canada and Mexico are dancers without a dance partner," said Fen Hampson, director of global security for the Waterloo, Ont., Centre for International Governance Innovation.

Hampson is one of many who have expressed skepticism over various attempts to hold meaningful North American summits over the last decade.

With the U.S. midterm elections coming up, Obama is also boxed in by politics back home.

The North American Free Trade Agreement, the 20th anniversary of which was feted in Toluca, won't be a vote getter, said Hampson.

"NAFTA has never been popular with the base of the Democratic party and generally seen as a job loser, not a gainer," he said.

While he heaped praise on his North American neighbours, Obama also told a business forum in Toluca that the United States, Canada and Mexico will always have "parochial interests." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Obama's cameo

Eight hours in Mexico was all U.S. President Barack Obama spent with amigos Harper and Peña Nieto.

- **Ninety minutes.** That's the actual duration of the only meeting the three leaders held together.
- **Three days.** That's how long Harper stayed in Mexico, including a separate visit with Peña Nieto.

Calgary police. Probe into dog abuse turns to suspicious fundraising

Calgary police say they are no longer looking into a complaint about an abused dog, but will investigate a fundraiser involving the case.

Alyssa Hatfield and her fiancé Cameron Edmonds told police two weeks ago that their husky cross had been taken from their backyard.

Edmonds said that he searched the neighbourhood and found the pet hog-tied and with a belt around its muzzle.

Police say they found unexplained inconsistencies with the complaint, but aren't closing the case.

A total of $1,700 was raised on an online fundraising site for the dog's vet bills.

Animal abuse has been a high-profile issue in Calgary since a cat and starved dog were found dead in an alley with their mouths taped shut.

People donated $72,000 on the same crowd-sourcing site as a reward to find the person responsible. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Quebec

Right-to-die bill on life support

Quebec's landmark right-to-die bill is on shaky ground with rumblings of a looming provincial election.

The Parti Québécois government hoped to fast-track a vote on Thursday to pass the bill into law as the legislature breaks for two weeks.

But quick passage of the long-awaited bill didn't come as the Opposition Liberals want to wait another month to continue the debate.

There is widespread speculation the PQ will call an election in the coming weeks setting an April vote.

The bill could die on the order paper if it is not passed before the dissolution of the legislature, expected after the break. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Drone strike on wedding procession killed at least 12 civilians: Report

Yemen. U.S. officials claim those killed were members of al-Qaida

A U.S. military drone strike in Yemen in December may have killed up to a dozen civilians on their way to a wedding and injured others, including the bride, a human rights group says. U.S. officials say only members of al-Qaida were killed, but they have refused to make public the details of two U.S. investigations into the incident.

Human Rights Watch released a report on the drone strike Thursday, citing interviews with eight witnesses and relatives of the dead as well as Yemeni officials. The report said four Hellfire missiles were fired at a wedding procession of 11 vehicles on Dec. 12, 2013, in Radda in southern Yemen, killing at least 12 men and wounding at least 15 others, six of them seriously.

A Predator B unmanned aircraft taxis at the Naval Air Station in Corpus Christi, Texas., in this Nov. 8, 2011 photo. A U.S. drone strike in Yemen in December may have killed up to a dozen civilians, a human rights group says. ERIC GAY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

The report said the procession "may have included members" of Yemen's al-Qaida in the Arabian Peninsula, "although it is not clear who they were or what was their fate." Family members and survivors say all those hit were civilians. Yemeni officials told Human Rights Watch that most were militants.

"We asked both the Yemeni and the U.S. authorities to tell us which of the dead and wounded were members of militant groups and which if any were civilians," said report author Letta Tayler, a senior terrorism and counterterrorism researcher at Human Rights Watch. "They did not reply to this question."

She added: "While we do not rule out the possibility that AQAP fighters were killed and wounded in this strike, we also do not rule out the possibility that all of those killed and wounded were civilians."

The New York-based group called on the U.S. government to investigate and make the findings public. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

U.S. officials' response

Three U.S. officials said the U.S. government did investigate the December strike — twice — and concluded that only members of al-Qaida were killed in the three vehicles that were hit.

- The officials say the Pentagon can't release details, because both the U.S. military and the CIA fly drones over Yemen. By statute, the military strikes can be acknowledged, but the CIA operations cannot.
- The officials said if they explain one strike but not another, they are revealing by default which ones are being carried out by the CIA.

India to create new state

India's Parliament on Thursday approved a plan to create a 29th state following days of political mayhem, including a melee in which a lawmaker unleashed pepper spray on his colleagues.

Members of groups opposed to the division of southern Andhra Pradesh state shouted "No, No" to drown out a speech by Prime Minister Manmohan Singh just before the vote in the upper house.

The chamber passed the bill in a voice vote as the main opposition Bharatiya Janata Party joined the ruling Congress party in supporting the legislation, which was approved by the lower house on Tuesday.

Communist Party of India (Marxist) lawmakers then demanded a formal count, and walked out when the upper house chairman replied that it was impossible because of the chaos, with protesting lawmakers refusing to take their seats.

The president is now expected to sign the bill to create Telangana state from mostly poor, inland districts of Andhra Pradesh. Opponents had objected to including wealthy tech and industrial hub Hyderabad in Telangana.

The proposal to carve out Telangana has inspired passions since the 1950s, with hunger strikes and violent protests claiming about 1,000 lives over the past decade. Several protesters set themselves on fire to press for the creation of the state. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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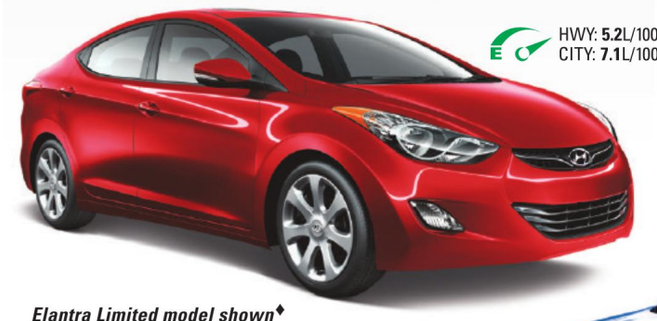

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Fresh style abroad

Canada's Joe Fresh going global

Grocery giant Loblaw Companies Ltd. is bringing its Joe Fresh discount clothing line overseas in a major expansion that will target fashionistas in key growth markets like the Middle East and North Africa. Loblaw said the rollout includes the addition of up to 141 Joe Fresh stores in 23 countries over the next four years. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Market Minute

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Beginning of the end of door-to-door mail delivery

Hey, Oakville. Bid adieu to your posties, as 11 centres kick off move to community boxes

Eleven centres will start collecting mail at community boxes this fall as Canada Post begins its move to end door-to-door delivery.

It's the first stage of a five-year plan announced in December and will involve about 100,000 addresses.

Canada Post says that in large cities during this phase, only a few neighbourhoods will be affected, and delivery will continue to businesses.

In the smaller municipalities, nearly all households and a higher proportion of businesses will move to community mailboxes. Canada Post says these neighbourhoods are near areas that already have community mailboxes, so the infrastructure is already in place. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Affected communities

The 11 communities and the approximate number of affected addresses are:

- **Alberta.** Some neighbourhoods in Calgary (Postal codes start with T2B, T3J) (10,450 addresses) and Fort McMurray (8,450 addresses)
- **Manitoba.** Some neighbourhoods in Winnipeg (Postal codes start with R2P, R2V) (12,500 addresses)
- **Ontario.** Oakville (26,400 addresses.) Neighbourhoods in Kanata, near Ottawa (Postal codes start with K2K, K2L, K2M) (7,900 addresses)
- **Quebec.** Rosemère (3,350 addresses); Lorraine(2,550 addresses); Bois-des-Filion (2,750 addresses); Charlemagne (1,300 addresses); Repentigny (14,400 addresses)
- **Nova Scotia.** Halifax neighbourhoods in the Lower Sackville and Bedford areas (Postal codes start with B4A, B4B, B4C, B4E, B4G) (9,950 addresses).

A cold stone failure

A pedestrian walks past a Tim Hortons location with a Cold Stone Creamery in Toronto on Thursday. Tim Hortons has announced it's pulling the plug on its deluxe ice cream shops, a decision that cost the company about $19 million in the fourth quarter. The partnership with the American dairy chain, which began in 2009, will continue in the Tim Hortons locations in the United States. TEXT: THE CANADIAN PRESS; PHOTO: TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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WhatsApp with Facebook's record-busting purchase?

ELISABETH BRAW
Metro World News in London, U.K.

Facebook has paid $19 billion US for WhatsApp, the smartphone app that allows users to send text messages for free. How can an app be worth as much as Honduras's entire economy, and much more than the economies of Jamaica and Nicaragua? Metro spoke with Bryce Keane, founder and director of the London, U.K., social media firm Albion Drive and co-founder of events firm 3beards.

$19 billion, isn't that too much money for a company that doesn't make any money?

Let's be honest, it's a pretty crazy evaluation. Facebook already has a similar technology but not many users, whereas WhatsApp has 450 million users. Facebook is buying WhatsApp's users and space.

But how is Facebook ever going make the money back?

It's not buying WhatsApp to make money but to enter a new market and capture an active user population that doesn't use Facebook. A lot of young people use WhatsApp because they can't afford text messages. And let's be honest, somebody else already bought Skype and Viber. The messaging war is on.

Reindeer land offered up: Report

Tracts of land that had been set aside for reindeer grazing in Canada's North have instead been offered up by the Conservative government for oil and gas exploration, newly released documents show.

Companies interested in obtaining petroleum exploration rights in the Mackenzie Delta and Beaufort Sea region of the Northwest Territories were asked last year to nominate blocks of land that they wanted to see included in a subsequent call for bids.

Reindeer-grazing reserves near the communities of Inuvik and Tuktoyaktuk were among the lands that were included in that call for nominations, pending a necessary amendment to an order-in-council imposed in 2010.

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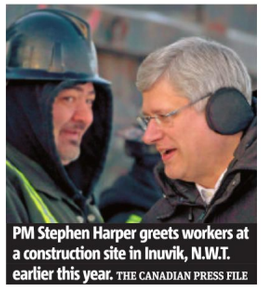

PM Stephen Harper greets workers at a construction site in Inuvik, N.W.T. earlier this year. THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

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CURLING GETS A BIT NUTTY

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The world's most bizarre Olympics (and that's saying something) are cruising to a climax in Sochi this week, so it's only natural that all the follies are trending on social media.

1 **The aim: to land the walnut in the centre of the nest.** Perhaps the funniest video ever made. The BBC is responsible for running a video of the U.K. and U.S. Olympic women's curling match over a soundtrack of David Attenborough, in full plummy upper-crust roar, describing the mating ritual of some kind of exotic critter, while curlers point, sweep, curl the "walnut," and exhort each other strenuously. The walnut gets to be the rock. Curling finally makes some kind of sense.

2 **Pound sand.** Former Canadian Olympic chief Dick Pound gets a giggle on Twitter every time he's mentioned at Sochi merely because of his name. Somehow this guy managed to spend the last 50 years as a dedicated servant of amateur sport and as the world's foremost anti-doping crusader, only to trend on Twitter in his latter days because he's got a name that's more suited to a Sochi Tinder account.

3 **And the gold medal for protesting at Sochi goes to...** Pussy Riot. I'm not saying they went out of their way to get beaten up, but for sheer, er, punch, the YouTube video of the women of the Russian protest rock group getting beaten and whipped (yes, whipped) by members of the Cossack militia in front of the Sochi hoarding that surrounds the Olympic site is probably the most effective statement made against the whole fiasco. Their offence? Singing, "Putin will teach you how to love the motherland." OK, so it's not the song of the Volga Boatmen, but whipped?

4 **Got a problem with that?** The Sochi Games are plagued by so many problems @Sochi2014 still doesn't have as many followers as @SochiProblems. Not even close: 263,000 for the former to 340,000 for the problems. The Russian-language problems site has an additional 171,000. D'oh! Or is that da!?

5 **Meanwhile, over at the Shanghai Games.** Not all the action is in Sochi. If you want see a real Olympian effort, how about two guys climbing the tallest building in China, the second tallest in the world, at 121 storeys and 632 metres? The hardest part? Once they got to the top, they have to look down.

6 **Put down the phone. Step away from the table.** French chefs are notorious prima donnas. But it's hard to argue with their latest source of outrage. Before they savour the savoury, diners are getting in the habit of documenting their meal and uploading the image to social media. "There is a time and place for everything," declares Alexandre Gauthier, chef of the Grenouillere in La Madelaine-sous-Montreuil. Not only that, it's bordering on gastronomic espionage. That will be 50 euros for the duck and 10 for the residuals. Or is that leftovers?

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ZOOM

Remembering a teammate

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Canada's Nik Zoricic honoured by team

Canada's Christopher Delbosco, left, flies through the air during the eighth final of the men's ski cross at the Sochi Winter Olympics in Russia on Thursday.

Members of the Canadian ski cross team who would normally be dressed head-to-toe in red and white, designed denim-looking ski pants for their Olympic race in honour of Nik Zoricic, who died after an accident on the ski cross course in March 2012.

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Denim makes a real statement in Sochi

When Toronto's Nik Zoricic began his ski cross career, he didn't have the right pants, so he wore blue jeans to the mountain.

Zoricic crashed through safety nets in a World Cup event, suffered severe head injuries and died in Grindelwald, Switzerland. Two months earlier, Canadian free skier Sarah Burke died in a training accident.

Canada's Brady Leman finished fourth Thursday in ski cross finals. France took all the medals.

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Twitter

@metropicks asked: Some French restauranteurs want to eliminate food porn by banning smartphones while dining. Where would you ban smartphones?

@YvezBourgoin: movie theatres and concerts getting out of hand!

@5gatos: dislike all this "banning" how about ask your patrons nicely? Explain your views. #enoughrules

@jennifercw015: I agree with the restaurant and I would add a movie theatre or ordering anything from a customer service agent

@ramosjcr: ya okay, now we can't have smart phones in restaurants! Not going to happen! Instead they should embrace it!

@dansgoodside: I'd ban them around my own dinner table so that my friends would actually pay attention to me!

@Zaedum: Smartphones are a part of the world and entered us into an age of connectivity. They shouldn't be banned anywhere, except planes

@scottmahoney94: Line ups in fast food restaurants while ordering

@insideoutsidemk: if I'm paying for the dish why can I not photograph it! Pro iphone! I wouldn't pay to go to said establishment

@ammarxghori: thats so stupid LOL food porn = public interest in the food via social media = more popularity/customers/interest

@_Escape_Artist: public places where it may be a negative distraction to both users and others. Theatres (of all kinds) especially

@Canucklehead_ca: Brett Farve's possession. (See also: US Senators.)

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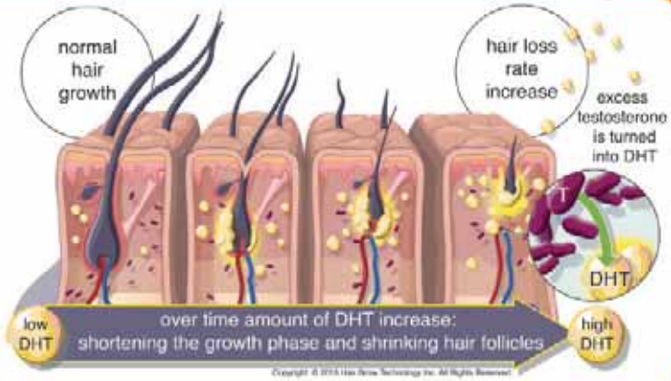
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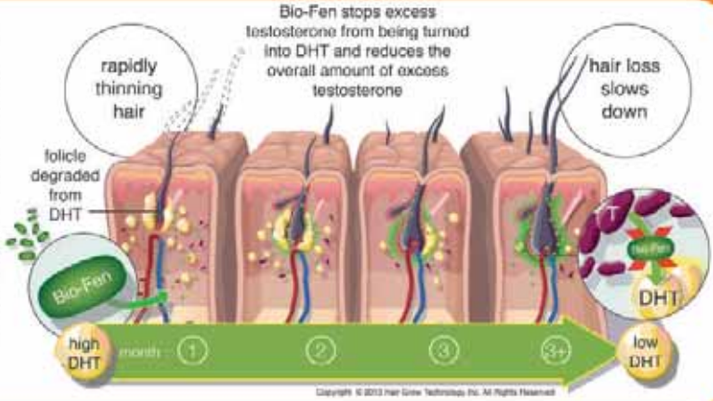

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Synopsis

Set in the shadow of the gurgling volcano Mount Vesuvius, Pompeii stars Game of Thrones heart-throb Kit Harington as the muscle-bound Milo. His tribe, including his entire family, was wiped out by the vicious Roman Senator Corvus (Kiefer Sutherland) dooming him to a lonely life of servitude under the thumb of Roman masters. Years later as a gladiator in Pompeii's coliseum he sees a way to exact revenge and save Cassia (Emily Browning), the most beautiful girl in the lush resort town. As warriors Milo and Atticus (Adewale Akinnuoye-Agbaje) battle Roman soldiers in the coliseum, the volcano erupts, causing havoc. Will Milo get vengeance and save Cassia before a rolling mountain of lava and ash covers the city?

- Richard: ●●○○○
- Mark: ●●○○○

Pompeii opens this weekend. CONTRIBUTED

Reel Guys

RICHARD CROUSE AND MARK BRESLIN

Plenty of molten cheese

Pompeii. The volcano is the only actor in this film that shows any kind of fire and spark

Richard: Mark, the spirit of Steve Reeves lives on. If you aren't familiar with Mr. Reeves' oeuvre, he was Hercules before Kevin Sorbo, a legend of beefcake historical drama movies. His movies were all about bulging muscles, swinging swords and damsels in revealing togas. Which brings me to the spiritual cousin to the Reeves movies — Pompeii — which adds spewing lava, but not much else to the sword and sandal genre. Physically, Jason Statham sound-a-like Harrington is up to the heroic Reeves role but is slowed down by the thick layer of molten cheese that covers almost every frame of this film.

Mark: Richard, the movie reminded me of Titanic, but not in a good way. It's 90 minutes of derivative and irrelevant narrative, a love story between an upper class woman and a commoner, followed by a half hour of the special effects you came to see in the first place. Harrington is fine, but it doesn't matter. The real star is the volcano, and unfortunately, it has the best lines. The gladiator plotline is inferior to other films in the same genre, although I thought the 20 slaves versus 20 centurions scene was handled with great verve.

RC: It does take too long for Mount Vesuvius to blow its top — complete with flying lava meteorites — and when it does, the special effects aren't quite as spectacular as you might hope from a CGI extravaganza. On top of that is muddy-looking 3D. The film overall is dark as though the whole thing was shot through a cloud of volcanic ash. Having said that, I didn't think the volcano had all the best lines. I got a kick out of a prison guard loudly waking up the jailed gladiators by shouting, "Wake up, scum!"

MB: Oh. I thought he was shouting that to the audience. And poor Kiefer Sutherland, given a cardboard role in a papier-mâché film. I kept expecting him to look at the volcano and shout, "We're running out of time!" What I think I would have liked was a drama that showed a cross section of Pompeii life all too tragically snuffed out by the erupting volcano. But maybe that would have been Pompous.

RC: Ha! I felt that when slave trader Graecus said, "You dragged me from a perfectly good brothel for this?" he was speaking directly to me.

MB: Unfortunately the movie didn't speak to me in any way, shape or form.

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Thriller

3 Days to Kill

Director. McG

Stars. Kevin Costner, Amber Heard

In this heart pounding action-thriller, Kevin Costner is a dangerous international spy, who is determined to give up his high stakes life to finally build a closer relationship with his estranged wife and daughter, whom he's previously kept at arm's length to keep out of danger. But first, he must complete one last mission.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score
Critics: No reviews yet **Audience:** + 95%

Documentary

Tim's Vermeer

Director. Teller

Stars. Tim Jenison, David Hockney

Tim Jenison, a Texas-based inventor (Video Toaster, LightWave, TriCaster), attempts to solve one of the greatest mysteries in all art: How did 17th century Dutch master Johannes Vermeer (Girl with a Pearl Earring) manage to paint so photo-realistically — 150 years before the invention of photography? The epic research project Jenison embarks on to test his theory is as extraordinary as what he discovers.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score
Critics: 91% **Audience:** 84%

Documentary

Money for Nothing: Inside the Federal Reserve

Director. Jim Bruce

Stars. Liev Schreiber

Money for Nothing is a feature-length documentary about the Federal Reserve — made by a team of AFI, Sundance and Academy Award winners — that seeks to unveil America's central bank and its impact on our economy and our society. Current and former top economists, financial historians, and investors and traders provide unprecedented access.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score
Critics: 69% **Audience:** 80%

Animation

The Wind Rises

Director. Hayao Miyazaki

Stars. Joseph Gordon-Levitt

Jirou dreams of flying airplanes, but because he's nearsighted he's unable to become a pilot. Instead he becomes an engineer in the aircraft division of a major Japanese company, where his genius is soon recognized. Historic events and the happenings in his life are inextricably linked.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score
Critics: 83% **Audience:** + 92%

Drama

Endless Love

Director. Shana Feste

Stars. Alex Pettyfer, Gabriella Wilde

Alex Pettyfer and Gabriella Wilde star in Endless Love, the story of a privileged girl and a charismatic boy whose instant desire sparks a love affair made only more reckless by parents trying to keep them apart. Endless Love was inspired by the 1979 novel and 1981 film of the same name.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score
Critics: 30% **Audience:** + 89%

Mystery/Comedy

Cheap Thrills

Director. E.L. Katz

Stars. Pat Healy, Ethan Embry

Cheap Thrills follows Craig (Pat Healy, Compliance), a struggling family man who loses his low-wage job and is threatened with eviction. In an effort to delay facing the music at home, he heads to a local bar and encounters an old friend (Ethan Embry, Empire Records). The two friends are roped into a round of drinks by a charismatic and obscenely wealthy stranger along with his mysterious wife.

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Pompeii (PG) Fri 12:50-3:45-7-9:25 Sat 12:50-3:45-7-9:25-11:20 Sun-Mon 12:50-3:45-7-9:25 Tue 12:50-3:45-7-9:25-11:20 Wed-Thu 12:50-3:45-7-9:25
RoboCop (PG) Fri 12:30-3-6:45-9:30 Sat 12:30-3-6:45-9:30-11:45 Sun-Mon 12:30-3-6:45-9:30 Tue 12:30-3-6:45-9:30-11:45 Wed 12:30-3-6:45-9:30 Thu 3-6:45-9:30 Thu 12:30
Winter's Tale (PG) No Passes Fri 12:35-3:25-6:40-9:20 No Passes Sat 12:35-3:25-6:40-9:20-11:40 No Passes Sun-Mon 3:25-9:20 No Passes Tue 12:35-3:25-6:40-9:20-11:40 No Passes Wed 3:25-9:20 No Passes Thu 12:35-3:25-6:40-9:20 Sun-Mon 12:35-6:40 Wed 12:35-6:40

Revue Cinema
400 Roncesvalles Ave.

12 Years a Slave (14A) Fri 9:15 Sat 4-9:15 Sun 9
Destiny (STC) Sun 4:15
The Nut Job 3D (PG) Sat-Sun 2
The Oscar Nominated Short Films 2014: Animated (G) Mon 9 Tue-Wed 7
The Oscar Nominated Short Films 2014: Live Action (14A) Tue-Wed 9:15 Thu 7
Philomena (PG) Fri-Mon 7

The Royal
608 College St.

An American Tail (G) Sat 2
Cheap Thrills (18A) Fri 9 Sat 4-9 Sun-Tue 9 Thu 9
Ernest & Celestine (PG) Sun 1
Fly Colt Fly: Legend of the Barefoot Bandit (PG) Fri-Sat 7 Sun 4-7 Mon-Tue 7 Thu 7
A Gun in Each Hand (STC) Wed 7
The Last Pogo Jumps Again (STC) Wed 9
The Room (STC) Fri 11:30

Varsity
55 Bloor St. W.

3 Days to Kill (PG) Fri-Sun 1:20-4:05-7-9:50 Mon-Tue 1:30-4:15-7-9:50 Wed 1:30-4:15-7:05-9:50 Thu 1:30-4:15-7-9:50
American Hustle (14A) Fri-Thu 1:05-4:10-7:15-10:20 Fri-Sat 12:45-3:50-6:55-10 Sun 12:45-3:50-10:10 Mon-Thu 12:45-3:50-6:55-10
Gloria (18A) Fri-Sun 2:05-4:45-7:25-10 Mon-Thu 1:50-4:35-7:10-9:45
The Great Beauty (14A) Fri-Sun 12:30-3:45-7:05-10:15 Mon-Thu 12:45-3:55-7:05-10:20
Her (14A) Fri-Sun 12:40-3:30-6:20-9:20 Mon 12:50-3:45-9:35 Tue-Wed 12:50-3:45-6:35-9:35 Thu 12:50-9
The Monuments Men (PG) Fri-Sun 1:35-4:20-7:10-10:10 Mon-Thu 2-4:45-7:30-10:15 Fri-Thu 1:10-4-6:45-9:30
Philomena (PG) Fri-Sun 12:30-2:50-5:10-7:30-9:55 Mon 12:45-7-10:15 Tue 1:55-4:20-6:40-9 Wed 1-3:20-10 Thu 1:55-4:20-6:40-9
Winter's Tale (PG) Fri-Thu 12:55-3:40-6:25-9:10
The Wolf of Wall Street (18A) Fri-Thu 1:45-5:30-9:15 Fri-Thu 2:15-6-9:45

Canada Square
2200 Yonge St.

August: Osage County (14A) Fri 3:40-6:40-9:30 Sat 12:50-3:50-6:50-9:40 Sun 12:05-2:55-5:45-8:35 Mon-Thu 3:40-6:30
Dallas Buyers Club (18A) Fri 3:45-6:20-9 Sat 1:20-4-7-9:45 Sun 12:20-2:50-5:30-8:10 Mon-Thu 4:30-7
Nebraska (PG) Fri 3:50-6:50-9:20 Sat 1:10-4:20-7:10-9:45 Sun 12:40-3:30-6:20-8:50 Mon-Thu 4:20-6:50
The Past (14A) Fri 3:30-6:15-9:05 Sat 12:35-3:20-6:10-9 Sun 12:30-3:20-6:15-9 Mon-Thu 3:55-6:40
Philomena (PG) Fri 4:10-7-9:10 Sat 12:40-2:50-5-7:20-9:35 Sun 12:50-3:40-6:30-8:40 Mon-Thu 4:50-7
Starting Over Again (STC) Fri 3:30-6:30-9:30 Sat 12:30-3:30-6:30-9:30 Sun 12-3-6-9 Mon-Thu 3:35-6:35
Winter's Tale (PG) Fri 3:35-6:35-9:30 Sat 12:45-3:40-6:40-9:30 Sun 12:10-3:10-6:10-9 Mon-Thu 3:35-6:25
The Wolf of Wall Street (18A) Fri 4-8 Sat 12:30-4:30-8:30 Sun 12-3:50-7:40 Mon-Thu 5:30

Mt. Pleasant Theatre
675 Mt. Pleasant Rd.

12 Years a Slave (14A) Fri 6:45 Sat 3:45-6:45-9:30 Sun 4:10-7 Tue-Thu 7
Blue Jasmine (14A) Fri 9:35
No Films Showing Today (STC) Mon

Regent Theatre
551 Mt.Pleasant Rd.

The Book Thief (PG) Fri 8:50 Sat-Sun 7 Tue 7
The Invisible Woman (PG) Fri 6:45 Sat-Sun 4:30 Thu 7
No Films Showing Today (STC) Mon Wed

Yonge-Eglinton Centre
2300 Yonge St.

3 Days to Kill (PG) Fri 1:40-4:30-7:15-10:15 Sat 1:40-4:30-7:20-10:25 Sun 1:20-4:10-7-9:45 Mon-Thu 12:40-3:35-6:20-9:05
American Hustle (14A) Fri 12:50-3:50-6:50-9:50 Sat 12:30-3:40-7-10:15 Sun 12-3:05-6:10-9:20 Mon-Tue 12:25-3:25-6:30-9:35 Wed 12:25-3:25-9 Thu 12:25-3:25-6:30-9:35
Endless Love (PG) Fri 2:20-5-7:40-10:10 Sat 2:30-5-7:30-10 Sun 2:30-5-7:30-9:50 Mon-Tue 1:10-4:10-6:45-9:15 Wed 4:10-6:45-9:15 Thu 1:10-4:10-6:45-9:15 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1

Yonge-Eglinton Centre
2300 Yonge St.

Frozen (G) Fri 1 Sat 12:10 Sun 12:05 Mon-Thu 1:30
Frozen 3D (G) Fri 3:30-7 Sat 5:10-7:45 Sun 5-7:25 Mon-Thu 4:30-7:10
Jack Ryan: Shadow Recruit (PG) Fri 9:30 Sat 10:20 Sun 9:50 Mon-Wed 9:35
The LEGO Movie (G) Fri 1:10 Sat 2:40 Sun 2:30 Mon-Tue 1 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1 Thu 1
The LEGO Movie 3D (G) Fri 4-6:30-9:20 Sat-Sun 12-1-3:40-6:30-9:20 Mon-Tue 3:30-6:10-9 Wed 3:30-6:10-10 Thu 3:30-6:10-9
The Monuments Men (PG) Fri 9:45-12:55-3:40-6:40-9:45 Sat 1:10-4-6:50-9:45 Sun 12:30-3:20-6:40-9:35 Mon-Thu 12:30-3:15-6-8:45
National Theatre Live: Coriolanus - Encore (STC) Sat 12:30
National Theatre Live: War Horse (STC) Thu 7
Non-Stop (PG) No Passes Thu 9:35
Pompeii 3D (PG) Fri 2-4:40-7:45-10:20 Sat 12:20-2:50-5:20-8-10:30 Sun 1:40-4:20-6:50-9:30 Mon-Thu 1:20-4-7-9:30
RoboCop (PG) Fri 1:30-4:20-7:30-10:20 Sat 12:40-4:10-7:10-10:10 Sun 12:40-3:30-6:15-9:10 Mon-Thu 12:50-3:45-6:35-9:20
Royal Winnipeg Ballet's Moulin Rouge: The Ballet (STC) Sun 12:55 Wed 7
Takedown: The DNA of GSP (14A) Sat 4:30
That Awkward Moment (14A) Fri 2:10-4:50-8-10:20 Sat 8:10-10:30 Sun 4:30-7:10-9:40 Mon-Tue 1:50-4:20-6:50-9:25 Wed 1:50-4:20-9:55 Thu 1:50-4:20

Yonge & Dundas 24
10 Dundas St East

12 Years a Slave (14A) Fri 3:40-6:40-9:55 Sat-Sun 11:55-3:40-6:40-9:55 Mon-Tue 6:40-9:55 Wed-Thu 9:55
3 Days to Kill (PG) Fri-Sun 1:40-4:20-7:20-10:20 Mon-Thu 1:35-4:20-7:20-10:20
About Last Night (14A) Fri 2:25-5:35-8:05-10:30 Sat-Sun 12:30-3-5:35-8:05-10:30 Mon-Thu 1:35-4-8:05-10:30
American Hustle (14A) Fri 3:05-6:25-10:15 Sat-Sun 11:55-3:15-6:25-10:15 Mon-Thu 6:25-10:15
The Attorney (14A) Fri 4-6:50-9:40 Sat-Sun 12:50-4-6:50-9:40 Mon-Thu 6:55-9:45
Beijing Love Story (PG) Fri 3:35-6:20-9:15 Sat-Sun 12:45-3:35-6:20-9:15 Mon-Thu 3:35-6:20-9:15
Captain Phillips (14A) Fri 4:15-9:45 Sat 6:45 Sun 4:15 Mon 1:30-9:45 Tue 6:45 Wed 1:30 Thu 4
Endless Love (PG) Fri 2:35-5:15-7:45-10:20 Sat-Sun 12-2:35-5:15-7:45-10:20 Mon-Tue 2:35-5:15-7:45-10:20 Wed 2:35-5:15-6:40-10:20 Thu 5:15-6:40-10:20 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 2
Frozen (G) Fri-Thu 1:30
Frozen 3D (G) Fri-Thu 3:55-6:30
Gravity: An IMAX 3D Experience (PG) Fri-Thu 2:10-4:50-7:40-10:05
Gunday (PG) Fri 3:15-6:35-9:50 Sat-Sun 12:05-3:20-6:35-9:50 Mon-Thu 3:15-6:35-9:50
Highway (STC) Fri 3:25-6:35-9:45 Sat-Sun 12:10-3:25-6:35-9:45 Mon-Thu 3:25-6:35-9:45
Jack Ryan: Shadow Recruit (PG) Fri-Thu 9:20
The LEGO Movie (G) Fri-Wed 1:45-4:15-6:45-9:30 Thu 4:20-6:45-9:30 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 2
The LEGO Movie 3D (G) Fri 3:30-6 Sat-Sun 1-3:30-6 Mon-Thu 3:30-6 Fri 2:30-5-7:30-10:10 Sat-Sun 12-2:30-5-7:30-10:10 Mon-Thu 2:30-5-7:30-10:10
National Theatre Live: Coriolanus - Encore (STC) Sat 12:30
National Theatre Live: War Horse (STC) Thu 7
Royal Winnipeg Ballet's Moulin Rouge: The Ballet (STC) Sun 12:55 Wed 7
Son of God (PG) No Passes Wed-Thu 7
Star Trek Into Darkness (PG) Fri 1:30-7 Sat 9:30 Mon 4:15 Tue 1:30-9:30 Wed 4:15-10:15 Thu 1:30
Takedown: The DNA of GSP (14A) Sat 4:30 Mon 7:30 Tue 4:15 Thu 10:30
That Awkward Moment (14A) Fri 2:55-5:30-8-10:25 Sat-Sun 12:40-3:10-5:30-8-10:25 Mon-Thu 8-10:25
Vampire Academy (PG) Fri-Thu 9:05
The Wind Rises (PG) Fri 2:20-6:05-9 Sat-Sun 12:15-3:05-6:05-9 Mon-Thu 2:20-6:05-9 Fri 4:05-7:05-10 Sat-Sun 1:15-4:05-7:05-10 Mon-Thu 3:45-7:05-10
WWE Elimination Chamber - 2014 (STC) Sun 8

TIFF Bell Lightbox
350 King St. West

Birthright (14A) Sat
Flesh & Blood (R) Tue 8:45
The Fourth Man (R) Fri 9:30
The Girl From Chicago (PG) Sat 2:30
The Great Beauty (14A) Fri 12:15-3:05-6:15-9:15 Sat 12:15-3:15-6:15-9:15 Sun 12:15-3:15-7:05-9:15 Mon 6:15-9:15 Tue 12:15-3-6:15-9:15 Wed-Thu 12:15-3:15-6:15-9:15
The Great Dictator (PG) Fri 6:30
Inside Llewyn Davis (14A) Fri 12:40-4:15 Sat 12:05-4:15 Sun 4:15-7:20-10:05 Mon 7:10-9:30 Tue 12:40-4:15-10 Wed 12:40-4:15-6:45-9:20 Thu 12:40-4:15
Maximum Overdrive (14A) Sat 10
Moonfleet (PG) Tue 6:30
Murder in Harlem (14A) Sun 1
The Oscar Nominated Short Films 2014: Animated (G) Fri 2:30-6:55 Sat 12-4:25-8:55 Sun 2:35-7:10 Mon 9 Tue 2:40-7:15 Wed 12-5:05-9:35 Thu 2:30-6:40
The Oscar Nominated Short Films 2014: Live Action (14A) Fri 12-4:25-8:50 Sat 2-6:20 Sun 12-4:30-9:05 Mon 6:30 Tue 12:10-4:40-9:10 Wed 2-7:05 Thu 12-4-8:40
Scarface (PG) Sun 7
The Square (18A) Thu 8
Tim's Vermeer (PG) Fri-Sun 12:20-2:20-6:45-8:50 Mon 6:45-8:50 Tue-Thu 12:20-2:20-6:45-8:50
Two Rode Together (PG) Sat 4:30
Veiled Aristocrats (14A) Sat 7:30

Albion Cinemas
1530 Albion Rd.

Gunday (PG) Fri 4:30-8 Sat 6:45-9:45 Sun 2:45-6-9:15 Mon-Thu 5-8:15
Highway (STC) Fri 5-8:15 Sat-Sun 3:15-6:20-9:30 Mon-Thu 4:30-8

Queensway
1025 The Queensway

3 Days to Kill (PG) Fri 12-1:45-4:40-7:30-10:20 Sat 12:25-1:50-4:40-7:30-10:20 Sun-Tue 1:30-4:15-7:10-10 Wed 4:15-7:10-10 Thu 1:30-4:15-7:10-10
Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1
About Last Night (14A) Fri 12:30-3:10-5:40-8:20-10:50 Sat 12:40-3:10-5:40-8:20-10:50 Sun 12:20-2:50-5:25-8:05-10:30 Mon-Thu 2:50-5:25-8-10:30
American Hustle (14A) Fri 1:10-4:20-7:20-10:30 Sat 12:50-3:40-7:20-10:30 Sun 12:30-4:10-6:50-10:35 Mon-Tue 1:50-5:50-9 Wed 1:50-6:40-10:05 Thu 1:50-5:50-9 Fri 3:40-7-10:20 Sat 12:20-3:40-7-10:20 Sun 12:20-3:40-7-10:15 Mon-Thu 3:15-6:30-10
Cats & Dogs (G) Sat 11
Endless Love (PG) Fri-Sat 12:15-2:50-5:30-8:10-10:45 Sun 12-2:30-5:10-7:50-10:20 Mon-Thu 2:30-5:10-7:50-10:20
Frozen (G) Fri 1:55 Sat 11:30 Sun 12:40 Mon-Tue 1:05 Wed 1:10 Thu 1:05
Frozen 3D (G) Fri 4:30-7:10 Sat 2-4:30-7:10 Sun 3:20-6:40 Mon-Thu 3:45-6:50
Jack Ryan: Shadow Recruit (PG) Fri-Sat 9:25 Sun 9 Mon-Wed 9:10 Thu 10:15
The LEGO Movie (G) Fri 1:30-4:10-6:50 Sat 11-1:30-4:10-6:50 Sun-Tue 1:20-3:55-6:30 Wed 3:55-6:30 Thu 1:20-3:55-6:30 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1
The LEGO Movie 3D (G) Fri-Sat 12-2:30-5:10-7:40-10:15 Sun 11:45-2:10-4:45-7:20-9:50 Mon-Thu 2:10-4:45-7:20-9:50
The Monuments Men (PG) Fri-Sat 1-4-7-9:55 Sun-Tue 1:10-4:05-7-9:55 Wed 1:20-4:05-7-9:55 Thu 1:10-4:05-7-9:55 Fri 3-6-9 Sat-Sun 12-3-6-9 Mon-Thu 3-6-9
National Theatre Live: Coriolanus - Encore (STC) Sat 12:30
National Theatre Live: War Horse (STC) Thu 7
Non-Stop (PG) No Passes Thu 9:30
Pompeii (PG) Fri 3:20-6:30-9:30 Sat-Sun 12:40-3:20-6:30-9:30 Mon-Thu 4:15-7-9:40
Pompeii 3D (PG) Fri-Sat 12:05-2:40-5:20-8-10:40 Sun 11:50-2:20-5-7:40-10:15 Mon-Thu 2:20-5-7:40-10:15
Ride Along (14A) Fri 2:15-4:50-7:15-10:05 Sat 1:10-7:15-10:05 Sun 12:25-3-5:35-8:10 Mon-Wed 3-5:35-8:10-10:35 Thu 1-3:45-9:10
RoboCop (PG) Fri 2:05-5-7:50-9:45-10:35 Sat 11:20-2:10-5-7:50-9:45-10:35 Sun 1:40-4:35-7:30-9:20-10:10 Mon-Wed 1:40-4:25-7:30-9:30-10:10 Thu 1:40-4:25-7:30-9:20-10:10 Fri 4:30-7:30-10:40 Sat 1-4:30-7:30-10:40 Sun 1-4:30-7:30-10:30 Mon-Thu 4:30-7:30-10:15
Royal Winnipeg Ballet's Moulin Rouge: The Ballet (STC) Sun 12:55 Wed 7
Takedown: The DNA of GSP (14A) Sat 4:30
That Awkward Moment (14A) Fri 12:40-3:20-5:50-8:15-10:45 Sat 3:20-5:50-8:15-10:45 Sun 12:45-3:10-10:25 Mon-Thu 3:10-5:40-8:05-10:25
Winter's Tale (PG) Fri 12:50-3:50-6:40-9:35 Sat 3:50-6:40-9:35 Sun 3:30-6:20-9:10 Mon-Tue 1-3:40-6:20-9:20 Wed 12:55-3:40-9:40 Thu 3:30-6:20
The Wolf of Wall Street (18A) Fri 2:45-6:30-10:25 Sat 11-2:45-6:30-10:25 Sun 12:10-4:25-8:30 Mon-Tue 1-4:55-8:40 Wed 12:55-4:55-8:40 Thu 1-4:55-8:40 Fri 5:30-10 Sat-Sun 1:30-5:30-10 Mon-Thu 4-8
WWE Elimination Chamber - 2014 (STC) Sun 8

Woodbine Centre
500 Rexdale Blvd.

About Last Night (14A) Fri-Thu 1:25-4:20-7:15-9:45
Endless Love (PG) Fri-Thu 1-3:50-6:50-9:15
Frozen (G) Fri-Thu 1:10-4:15
The LEGO Movie (G) Fri-Thu 1:15-4-7-9:20
The Monuments Men (PG) Fri-Thu 1:05-3:55-6:55-9:30
Pompeii (PG) Fri-Thu 1:30-4:10-7:05-9:40
Ride Along (14A) Fri-Thu 7:10-9:25
RoboCop (PG) Fri-Thu 1:20-4:05-6:45-9:25

Kingsway Theatre
3030 Bloor St. West

12 Years a Slave (14A) Fri-Thu 5:10
7 Boxes (14A) Fri-Thu 7:15
The Book Thief (PG) Fri-Thu 11
Captain Phillips (14A) Fri-Thu 1-9:10
Dallas Buyers Club (18A) Fri-Thu 7:30
Inside Llewyn Davis (14A) Fri-Thu 9:30

Kingsway Theatre
3030 Bloor St. West

Muscle Shoals (PG) Fri-Thu 11
Nebraska (PG) Fri-Thu 3:15
Night Train to Lisbon (14A) Fri-Thu 5:15
Philomena (PG) Fri-Thu 3:25
Saving Mr. Banks (PG) Fri-Thu 1:15

Humber Cinema
2:2442 Bloor St. West

American Hustle (14A) Fri-Wed 9:40
August: Osage County (14A) Fri-Thu 6:30
Frozen (G) Sat-Tue 1:30
Frozen Sing-Along (STC) Fri-Thu 4:30
The LEGO Movie (G) Fri 2:40-5-7:20-9:10 Sat-Sun 12:15-2:40-5-7:20-9:10 Mon 12:15-5-7:20-9:10 Tue 12:15-2:40-5-7:20-9:10 Wed 2:40-5-7:20-9:10 Thu 4:15-6:50-9:10
The Monuments Men (PG) Fri 3:35-6:40-9:20 Sat-Tue 1-3:35-6:40-9:20 Wed-Thu 3:35-6:40-9:20
The Nut Job (PG) Sat-Tue 12
RoboCop (PG) Fri 3:15-7-9:30 Sat-Sun 12:30-3:15-7-9:30 Mon 1-3:15-7-9:30 Tue 12:30-3:15-7-9:30 Wed-Thu 3:15-7-9:30

Beach Cinemas
1651 Queen St. E

American Hustle (14A) Fri 3:45-6:45-9:45 Sat-Sun 12:45-3:45-6:45-9:45 Mon 6:40-9:35 Tue 6:45-9:45 Wed-Thu 6:40-9:35
August: Osage County (14A) Fri-Thu 6:30-9:15
The LEGO Movie (G) Sat-Sun 12
The LEGO Movie 3D (G) Fri 4-7-9:30 Sat-Sun 2:30-5-7:30-10 Mon-Thu 7-9:30
The Monuments Men (PG) Fri 4:10-7:30-10:10 Sat-Sun 1-4-7-9:45 Mon 6:50-9:40 Tue 7:30-10:10 Wed-Thu 6:50-9:40
The Nut Job (PG) Fri 4:20 Sat-Sun 1:15-4:15
RoboCop (PG) Fri 3:30-7:15-10 Sat-Sun 12:30-3:30-7:15-10:15 Mon-Thu 7:15-10
Winter's Tale (PG) Fri 4:30-7:40-10:20 Sat-Sun 1:30-4:30-7:45-10:30 Mon 7:10-9:50 Tue 7:40-10:20 Wed-Thu 7:10-9:50

Fox Theatre
2236 Queen St. E.

Her (14A) Fri 9:20 Sat-Sun 4:15-9:20 Mon 9:15 Tue-Wed 7 Thu 9:15
The Hunger Games: Catching Fire (PG) Sat-Sun 1:15
Nebraska (PG) Fri-Mon 7 Tue-Wed 9:20 Thu 7

Empress Walk
5095 Yonge St.

3 Days to Kill (PG) Fri 4:20-7:10-9:55 Sat-Sun 1:30-4:20-7:10-9:55 Mon-Thu 4:20-7:10-9:55
American Hustle (14A) Fri-Thu 3:45-7-10:10
Endless Love (PG) Fri 4:25-7:05-9:40 Sat-Sun 1:45-4:25-7:05-9:40 Mon-Thu 4:25-7:05-9:40
Frozen (G) Fri 5:20-7:50 Sat-Sun 12:10-2:50-5:20-7:50 Mon-Thu 5-7:30
The LEGO Movie (G) Sat-Sun 11:55
The LEGO Movie 3D (G) Fri 5-7:30-10 Sat-Sun 2:20-5-7:30-10 Mon-Thu 4:45-7:15-9:45
The Monuments Men (PG) Fri 3:40-6:40-9:30 Sat-Sun 12:40-3:55-6:40-9:30 Mon-Tue 3:40-6:40-9:30 Wed 3:40-6:30-10:10 Thu 3:40-6:30-9:20
National Theatre Live: Coriolanus - Encore (STC) Sat 12:30
National Theatre Live: War Horse (STC) Thu 7
Pompeii 3D (PG) Fri 4-6:50-9:50 Sat-Sun 1:10-4-6:50-9:50 Mon-Thu 4-6:50-9:50
RoboCop: The IMAX Experience (PG) Fri 3:50-7:20-10:15 Sat-Sun 1-3:50-7:20-10:15 Mon-Thu 3:50-7:20-10:05
Royal Winnipeg Ballet's Moulin Rouge: The Ballet (STC) Sun 12:55 Wed 7
That Awkward Moment (14A) Fri-Sun 10:20 Mon-Thu 10
Winter's Tale (PG) Fri 3:30-6:20-9:20 Sat-Sun 12:20-3:30-6:20-9:20 Mon-Tue 3:20-6:20-9:20 Wed 3:20-9:20 Thu 3:20
The Wolf of Wall Street (18A) Fri 4:55-8:50 Sat-Sun 12:30-4:55-8:50 Mon-Thu 4:55-8:50

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3401 Dufferin St

3 Days to Kill (PG) Fri-Thu 1:10-4:10-7:10-10:15
About Last Night (14A) Fri 2:20-5-7:40-10:20 Sat 11:40-2:20-5-7:40-10:20 Sun-Thu 1:50-4:30-7:20-10
Cats & Dogs (G) Sat 11
Endless Love (PG) Fri 1:55-4:35-7:20-10:05 Sat 11:15-1:55-4:35-7:20-10:05 Sun-Thu 1-4:05-7-9:40
Frozen (G) Fri-Thu 1:15
Frozen 3D (G) Fri-Thu 4-6:45
The LEGO Movie (G) Fri 12:45-3:20 Sat 12:20-2:55-5:30 Sun-Thu 12:45-3:30
The LEGO Movie 3D (G) Fri 2:10-4:55-7:35-10:10 Sat 11:30-2:10-4:55-7:35-10:10 Sun-Thu 1:40-4:20-7:05-9:45
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Stephen Malkmus: 'Just busy being me'

Never a cliché. Jicks frontman has a love for pop, but can't help marching to the beat of his own drummer

PAT HEALY
Metro World News

When we tell Stephen Malkmus that a lot of the songs on his new album with the Jicks, Wig Out at Jagbags, sound like classic rock, but with lyrics that are likely too clever for casual classic rock fans to embrace, we accidentally tap into a brief vein of existential angst.

"It doesn't last long, it doesn't really give you a pay off, it's like a tease, a tease of that kind of stuff; an elusive classic rock with no payoff," he begins to consider.

"That's sort of what I feel like life is often like. The big payoffs, we know they are false and we know that they have already been done. It's like we know our presidents lie and that there are huge losers in capitalism, it's part of our identity in this era."

But Malkmus seems like he's OK with this. He also seems fully immersed in this era.

He's been taking his kids, aged six and nine, to see concerts by pop acts like Macklemore & Ryan Lewis and Lorde.

"I think that's how music is too," he says about the false big payoffs. "I can get transported by a person's voice occasionally and when it's the right mix of some emotion, just luckily sometimes. I can feel something transcendent occasionally, but even then I am kind of left just saying, 'Oh hey, nice work! They pulled that off.'"

If Malkmus sounds cynical in conversation, the content on Wig Out is at the opposite end of the spectrum.

There's the aforementioned elusive classic rock sound, as well as sounds that are almost easy listening. The lyrics feel dashed off, but are never clichéd.

On Independence Street, one of the most classic rockingest tracks, Malkmus sings, "I don't have the stomach for your brandy/I can hardly sip your tea/I don't have no teeth left for your candy/I'm just busy being me."

There's even a nostalgic ode to going to see punk rock shows with Rumble at the Rainbo. It's important to note that the song about punk rock is not actually a punk rock song. It's more of a showy pop number.

For as long as Malkmus has been writing songs, he's always defied conventions, especially in his early beginnings with Pavement (this year historically marks the year that the Jicks have existed longer than Pavement).

But one has to wonder, will Malkmus ever take an honest stab at something that does give the masses that payoff?

"There's no point to doing that for us," he says. "I just kind of don't have the mind for that. The thing to do is to make a catchphrase whatever it is, I Put a Spell on You, Daydream Believer, just one thing, and that's kind of the song and then it all just flows around that. That's a pop song, lyrically.

"I think I probably could write one of those lines and keep repeating it at the chorus and it almost doesn't even matter what you say, except that some things might be poetic in rare cases, or even not even poetic but emotional, but that formula just feels like a jingle-writer to me."

Tour dates

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‘Heartbroken’ Gomez puts a target on Miley’s back

Selena Gomez is apparently out for blood after hearing about Miley Cyrus’ rumoured hook-up with Justin Bieber — and she’s bringing in backup. According to Life & Style, Gomez has enlisted the help of pals Taylor Swift and Demi Lovato to enact her revenge. “All four girls used to be friendly, but when Selena heard Miley started making moves on Justin, it went downhill,” a source says. “Both Taylor and Demi know how heartbroken Selena has been, and they hate what Miley did to her.” Gomez’s camp has reportedly started freezing Cyrus out of lucrative appearances and “trash-talking” her around Hollywood, while Cyrus herself is said to be keeping her distance. “She checks in with club owners to make sure those girls won’t be around,” a source says.

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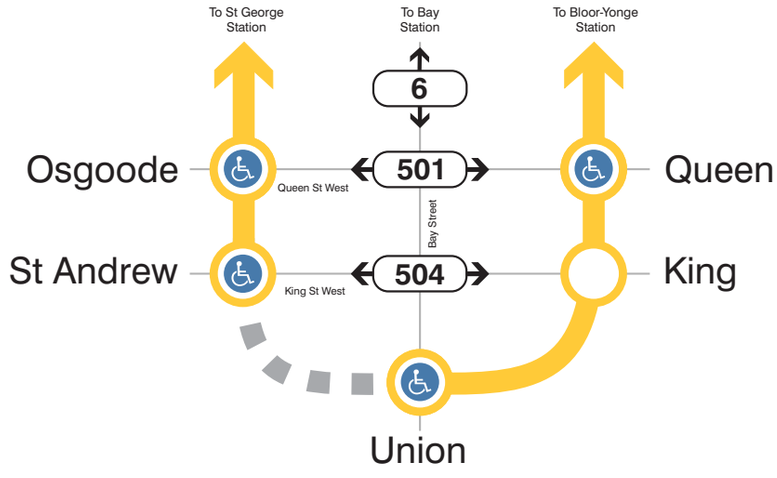

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Empathetic Franco worried about the shape Shia is in

Well, this was inevitable. As Shia LaBeouf contends with responses to his “performance art” piece from last week, #IAMSORRY, fellow actor and high-brow aspirant James Franco has taken to the New York Times Op-Ed page to voice his opinion on the matter. “Though the wisdom of some of his actions may seem questionable, as an actor and artist I’m inclined to take an empathetic view of his conduct,” Franco writes. “This behaviour could be a sign of many things, from a nervous breakdown to mere youthful recklessness. For Mr. LaBeouf’s sake I hope it is nothing serious.” Franco recounts his own decision to join the daytime soap opera General Hospital, as a means “to undermine the tacit —or not so tacit — hierarchy of entertainment,” before concluding: “I think Mr. LaBeouf’s project, if it is a project, is a worthy one. I just hope that he is careful not to use up all the good will he has gained as an actor in order to show us that he is an artist.”

Those good rumours about ‘lovely’ Lawrence are true

All the reports about Jennifer Lawrence being completely down-to-earth and relatable are apparently on the up and up. Clarista Hoult, sister to Lawrence’s boyfriend Nicholas Hoult, tells Heat magazine that the Oscar-winner is “lovely” and “really easy to talk to” in real life. “She doesn’t seem like a Hollywood type. She just (fits) in,” Clarista tells the magazine. “We didn’t talk about work. We talked about what was on the TV.”

Jennifer Lawrence

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With French wines on the comeback trail, one region in particular has found a place in the hearts and mouths of wine lovers.

Though the Rhône valley is not as flashy as Bordeaux and Champagne or as mysterious as Burgundy, its wines combine Old World charm with New World drinkability.

The southern France valley is divided into two parts. In the north the wines get their fuller flavours thanks to the dominance of the syrah grape. The lighter wines in the south are ruled by grenache, a major influence on the region's most famous wine, Châteauneuf-du-Pape.

Père Anselme's 2011 La Fiole Côtes-du-Rhône ($14.99 -$18.99) is 85 per cent grenache. Its smooth blend of blackcurrant, licorice and bright berries comes wrapped in Anselme's famous crooked bottle.

A Côtes-du-Rhône is one of the few reds I think pairs well with a meaty bowl of chili. Try it with winter stews, sausage-based dishes and roast turkey dinners as well. **PRICES REFLECT THE RANGE ACROSS THE COUNTRY. SOME PRODUCTS MAY NOT BE AVAILABLE IN ALL PROVINCES.**

Peachy-keen on crumble

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1. Preheat oven to 200°C (400°F). Roll out pastry between 2 sheets of non-stick baking paper into a rough round about 5 mm thick.
2. Place the pastry on a baking tray lined with non-stick baking paper. Spread the pastry with the jam leaving a 5 cm border. Top the jam with the peaches. Fold over the pastry to form a rim.
3. To make the crumble topping, combine the butter, almonds, flour, sugar and cinnamon. Sprinkle in clumps over the top of the peaches.
4. Bake for 25 minutes or until pastry and the crumble top are golden. Serve warm with vanilla ice cream.

Ingredients

- 350 g store-bought or homemade sweet shortcrust pastry
- 3 tablespoons apricot jam
- 3 peaches, sliced
- vanilla ice cream, to serve

Crumble topping

- 40 g butter, softened
- 2 tablespoons slivered almonds, finely chopped
- ¼ cup (35g) plain (all-purpose) flour
- 2 tablespoons caster (superfine) sugar
- ½ teaspoon ground cinnamon

Looking for a savoury and a sweet to put on the table pronto? Bestselling Australian chef Donna Hay shows us how with recipes from her cookbook Fast, Fresh, Simple.

Stir-fried shrimp fill out an omelette nicely

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Ingredients

- 2 teaspoons sesame oil
- 2 eggs, lightly beaten
- 1 tablespoon vegetable oil
- 2 teaspoons grated ginger
- 1 long red chilli, finely sliced
- 4 green onions (scallions), finely sliced
- 10 large green (raw) prawns (shrimp), peeled and cleaned
- 4 cups cooked jasmine rice
- soy and chilli sauces, to serve

1. Heat a non-stick frying pan over medium heat. Add half the sesame oil and half the egg and swirl to coat the pan.

2. Cook for 1 minute or until the egg has set. Remove from pan, set aside and repeat with remaining egg and oil.

3. Heat the frying pan over high heat. Add the vegetable oil, ginger, chilli and onion and cook for 1 minute.

4. Add the prawns and cook for 3 minutes.

5. Add the rice and cook for 2–3 minutes or until warmed through.

6. Place the omelettes on serving plates and spoon over the rice mixture. Drizzle with soy and chilli sauces to serve.

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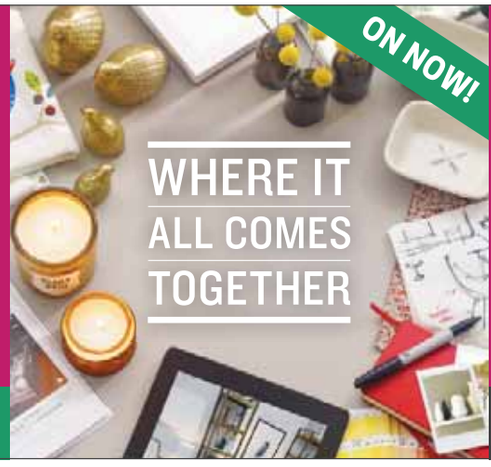

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The Artist Project

For art's sake

Date: Feb. 20-23
Location: Better Living Centre, Exhibition Place

This is art without the middlemen. Over 250 of the hottest Canadian and international contemporary artists will be on site ready to shake your hand and sell you their art. Everyone from experienced collectors to first-time buyers are welcome to wander through the vast selection. Of course, we expect gallery dealers and interior designers will also be trying to find their own deals, too. Just don't ask anyone, 'But is art, art?' and you should be fine.

WHISKYLICIOUS TORONTO 2014

Get stamped

Date: Feb. 24
Location: Various

OK, math, don't fail us now. 14 days; 10 whisky brands; 8 bars; 24 new whisky cocktails equals heaven? Yes, heaven is the correct answer. You buy a 'passport', take it around to bars like Montauk and The Drake, drink whiskey, and each 'stamp' you collect on said passport will enter you to win a trip for two to the Kentucky Bourbon Trail. Is this even a choice?

Kings of Leon

Date: Feb. 26
Location: ACC

Kings of Leon will be stopping by T.O. next week on their Mechanical Bull Tour. While we're sad to hear there won't actually be a mechanical bull involved in the show, we're pretty sure that these guys are one of the most energetic live acts you're going to catch all year. With a catalogue of six solid albums to choose from, Kings of Leon also have something too many current acts lack. Namely, some depth.

Reel Artists Film Fest

Date: Feb. 19-23
Location: : TIFF Bell Lightbox

The Canadian Art Foundation's 11th annual Reel Artists Film Festival has already kicked off, so if you haven't already been checking out the documentary films devoted exclusively to visual art and artists, we suggest you get on it before it's all over. There are interviews, panel conversations, and several screenings to check out as well as additional content featuring famed artists, directors, and art experts. Did we mention there will be art?

Recipe For Change

Date: Feb. 27
Location: St. Lawrence Market, North Building

The National Post calls it "The perfect foodie fundraiser" while the Toronto Star simply settles for labeling it their "favourite food event of the year." This celebration of local food supports FoodShare's innovative work in schools. It also happens to include the opportunity to mingle with 30 of this city's most impressive chefs. Taste up to 20 VQA wines and sip six local craft beers. And yes, you'll be fed too.

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Red, white and gold

Women's hockey.
Canada wins fourth straight Olympic title with comeback win over U.S. capped in OT

Team Canada celebrates its overtime win in the women's gold-medal hockey game in front of Anne Schleper of the U.S. on Thursday in Sochi, Russia. Canada won 3-2. ADRIAN WYLD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Once again, Marie-Philip Poulin's heroics put Canada on top of the women's hockey podium at the Winter Olympics.

Poulin's goal at 8:10 of overtime gave Canada a 3-2 win over the archrival Americans in the gold-medal final at the Sochi Winter Games on Thursday.

It was her second goal of the game after she tied the score with just 55 seconds left in regulation.

"I don't know what to say, it's so surreal and a dream come true again," she said.

It's a historic fourth straight gold medal for Canada. The only other women's team to win more consecutive Olympic gold is the U.S. in women's basketball with five in a row from 1996 to 2012.

Poulin was a heroine of Canada's gold in Vancouver four years ago. She scored twice in a 2-0 win over the Americans.

"It doesn't feel real yet but I'm an Olympic gold medallist," said Canadian defenceman Jocelyne Larocque.

The dramatic win came for a Canadian team that has faced adversity in recent months with their coach Dan Church resigning in December and Kevin Dineen taking over just weeks before the Sochi Games.

The Canadians took to Dineen right away and he kept them calm Thursday.

"He was so confident in us, going into overtime our coach just told us to be calm and play our game," said Poulin. "He totally believed in us."

The Canada-U.S. rivalry is a bitter one with the teams coming to blows in exhibition games played in the lead-up to Sochi. Canada had lost four straight coming into the Olympics but won when the teams squared off in the round-robin earlier in the Games.

"I'm proud of the fight that we put up for the whole game," said American captain Meghan Duggan. "I'm proud to wear this jersey always, no matter if win or lose.

"It's not the result we wanted," she added, her voice breaking and tears starting to flow.

Trailing 1-0 after two periods and down two goals deep into the third, Canada scored twice in the final 3:26 of the regulation and suddenly the gold that had been slipping away was within reach again.

"It was a hard game," said Canadian veteran Hayley Wickenheiser. "We came back, we never quit, and we believed in ourselves."

Canada's Brianne Jenner halved the deficit at 16:34 of the third with a shot that deflected off of U.S. defender Kacey Bellamy's knee and over goalie Jessie Vetter.

With Shannon Szabados pulled from Canada's net for an extra attacker, forward Kelli Stack's attempted empty-netter that would have sealed the gold for the Americans hit the post.

Meghan Duggan and Alex Carpenter were the goal scorers for the U.S.

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Golden dynasty

With four straight gold medals in women's hockey, Hayley Wickenheiser, Jayna Hefford and Caroline Ouellette joined Soviet biathlete Alexander Tikhonov and German speedskater Claudia Pechstein as gold medallists in four consecutive Winter Games.

Mere inches cost U.S. gold medal

The puck hits the post with Canada's goalie pulled late in the women's gold-medal game against the United States on Thursday. NATHAN DENETTE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Wearing a stars and stripes bandana, Kelli Stack patiently answered reporters' questions and then walked away when her media duties were done.

She could not get two feet before the tears started.

With Canada down 2-1 and having pulled its goalie late in the Olympic women's hockey final Thursday, the U.S. forward had a long-range shot at the empty Canadian net.

It seemed destined to go in the gaping goal but instead rang off the right post with 1:26 remaining. Marie-Philip Poulin scored 31 seconds later and Canada, thanks to another Poulin score, went on to win in overtime.

Both sides were left to wonder what might have been in a thrilling showdown between the two heavyweights of the women's game.

At the time, "I was thinking 'Oh that would have been nice if that went in, an inch to the right,'" Stack said.

"We were still up a goal so I'm like 'it's not that big of a deal.'"

Less than a minute later, the 26-year-old from Brooklyn Heights, Ohio, had a different thought.

Divine intervention

"Thankfully, there's a god, it hit the post and we were able to keep the puck alive and still have a one-goal deficit."
Canadian captain Caroline Ouellette

"After they tied it up I thought to myself 'I've done that once before in my career in college and it's the worst feeling in the world.'"

The shot attempt came about after the official got in Canadian defenceman's Catherine Ward's way, allowing Stack to clear the puck from just inside the U.S. blue-line.

"I was a little bit frustrated with the referee," said Ward.

But when the puck hit the post, Ward told herself "it's meant to be. This is our chance, we have to keep going."

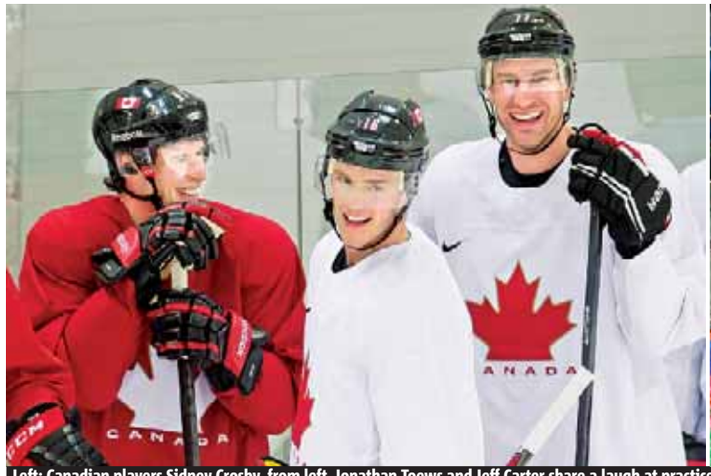
U.S. coach Katey Stone chalked the play up to bad luck.

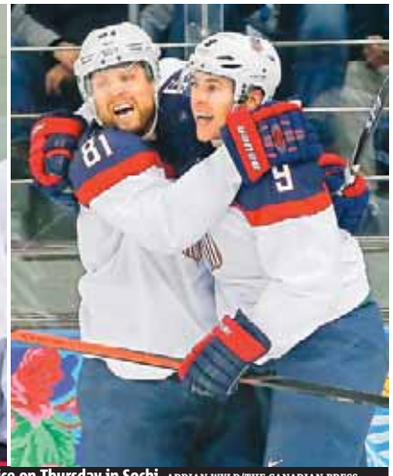
"When those things happen in the game of hockey you start to wonder if it is your night," she said. THE CANADIAN PRESS

4 SPORTS

It's the semifinal countdown

Deh-neh-neh-neh, deh-neh-neh-neh-neh... Rematch the hockey world's been waiting for promises to settle a few scores





Left: Canadian players Sidney Crosby, from left, Jonathan Toews and Jeff Carter share a laugh at practice on Thursday in Sochi. ADRIAN WYLD/THE CANADIAN PRESS
Right: Phil Kessel has been stellar for the Americans, scoring five goals while playing with Zach Parise. PETR DAVID JOSEK/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

More than 19,000 kilometres separate Vancouver and Sochi, and four years have passed since Sidney Crosby scored his golden goal.

Team Canada and the United States meet again at the Olympics on Friday, but almost everything — from the size of the rink to the expectations and the stage — has changed since their last meeting at the 2010 Games.

Most importantly, it's not for the gold medal but rather a spot in the final.

"It seems like we were on a crash course to meet those guys," U.S. centre David Backes said. "And we get them in the semifinal instead of the final, which would have been a little more storybook." Throw out the storybook and throw out history. Based strictly on a tournament the Americans have rolled through, they look like the favourites against Canada for the first time at the Olympics since NHL players began participating.

Only Backes and his U.S. teammates are embracing the underdog role and trying to deflate high expectations, while Drew Doughty and Canada want to pump themselves up.

"We don't see ourselves as the underdog," Doughty said. "I think both teams are really evenly matched. I don't know who I would give the upper hand to at this point. But I'm obviously more confident in my team than theirs."

Confidence was brimming from both sides a day before meeting with a chance to clinch a spot in the gold-medal game against Sweden or Finland.

It's easy to see where it's coming from for the Americans, who have outscored opponents 20-6 through four games. While Canadian coach Mike Babcock pointed out that it has been "easy" for the U.S. to score, mostly against Slovakia, Slovenia and the Czech Republic, Backes doesn't see it that way.

"I don't think it's come easy at all, we've had to work for everything we've gotten, second chances, rebounds, dirty goals," he said. "Everything we've gotten we've worked for and we plan to work for everything we're going to get in the future."

U.S. coach Dan Bylsma said there's no "secret" to what his team has done to lead the tournament in scoring. The win over Russia featured two power-play goals, and the rest of the production has been spread around, whether it be Phil Kessel's five goals in pretty fashion or Dustin Brown's two with some grease on them.

Still, Bylsma doesn't want his team to try to go chance-for-chance with the deep Canadians.

"They have more skill and they're a deeper team but we're a harder team to play against," Bylsma said. "We're going to match up and go toe-to-toe with them that way."

The feeling around the pre-tournament favourite Canadians is that even after scoring just 13 goals through four games, more are bound to come if quality opportunities keep piling up.

"I think we're going to get more opportunities than we've been getting," said Matt Duchene, who will replace the injured John Tavares in Canada's lineup. "I know it's only a matter of time before the dam bursts and we start scoring a lot of goals."

If Canada scores goals at the pace its players do during an NHL regular season, there's no way the U.S. can keep up. That's one thing the Canadians are hoping for by not playing a European team — that this will be a bit more of a North American-style game.

But, again, this is not Vancouver. The ice is still 15 feet wider at Bolshoy Ice Dome than it was at Rogers Arena four years ago, meaning it cannot possibly be the exact same brand of hockey that produced that legendary gold-medal game. "2010's all over with," Team Canada coach Mike Babcock said. "We're at a new opportunity both for them and for us. The teams are different. You have an opportunity right now to make memories for the rest of your life."

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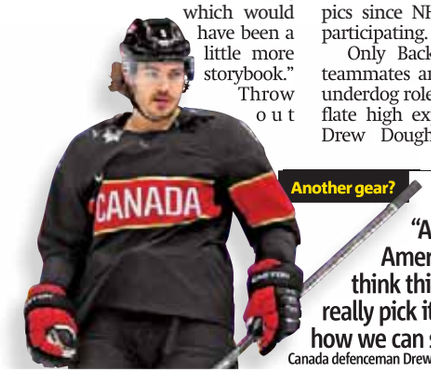
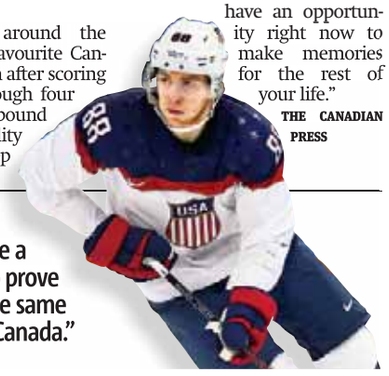


Another gear?

"Against a North American team, I think this is where we really pick it up and show how we can score."
Canada defenceman Drew Doughty



U.S. and them

"I think we have a chance to try to prove that we're in the same sentence with Canada."
U.S. forward Patrick Kane

Stone gold Jones the best in the world

Jennifer Jones and Kaitlyn Lawes rest their heads on each other as they stand on the podium with Jill Officer and Dawn McEwen (not seen) after defeating Sweden to win the gold medal in the Olympic curling final in Sochi Thursday.

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Curling. Undefeated skip's gamble in the 9th vs. Swedes places her among best of all time

As Jennifer Jones crouched in the hack, cleaning the rock in advance of her last throw, she was already cracking a grin.

As the stone made its way down the ice, the smile got even broader. And when the rock reached the other end, the beaming Winnipeg skip was jumping for joy.

Olympic champion. Perfect record. Money in the bank.

Jones, third Kaitlyn Lawes, second Jill Officer and lead Dawn McEwen defeated Sweden's Margaretha Sigfridsson 6-3 on Thursday in a tense final decided by Canada's steal of two in the ninth. Only then were the Canadian women able to relax and bring out the smiles that have been their Olympic trademark here.

"We're Olympic gold medallists," said a jubilant Jones, wearing the same gold eye shadow she favoured in Wednesday's semifinal. "It's something that you dream of for your entire life. It's what every athlete wants to do and we did it today.

"And we did it in a way where we played so consistent all week. On the biggest stage for sport, we came out and played our best. And I'm so, so proud of us."

The win at the Ice Cube Curling Center improved Canada's record at the Games to 11-0, matching Canadian skip Kevin Martin's feat of winning the 2010 Olympic crown without a loss.

Jones, 39, has now added Olympic gold to the world championship she won in 2008 as well as four Canadian titles.

It's Canada's second women's curling gold. The late Sandra Schmirler won the first in Nagano, Japan, in 1998.

The performance will trigger debate of where Jones belongs in the women's curling pantheon.

One of the greatest of all time?

"I would completely, 100 per cent agree.... Probably one of the best skips to ever play the game," said the 38-year-old Officer, who has been at Jones' curling side for 20 years.

"Best in the world," added the 25-year-old Lawes. "She's an amazing, amazing talent in our sport. And as a person, she's an amazing human being. I've never met anyone kinder."

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Brits vs. Swiss

Britain's Eve Muirhead, the 2013 world champion, defeated Switzerland's Mirjam Ott 6-5 for the bronze medal earlier Thursday.

NHL

Bolland yet to be cleared for return to game action

The Toronto Maple Leafs resume their post-Olympic NHL schedule next Thursday when they visit the New York Islanders, but whether injured forward Dave Bolland will be in the lineup remains uncertain.

Bolland's agent Anton Thun says the Mimico, Ont., native still needs one more doctor's visit to get final clearance to return to game action.

While the rest of his teammates headed for vacation destinations during the Olympic break, Bolland spent his time skating with his former junior team, the London Knights.

"I was inside; you can tell by my tan," Bolland joked Thursday. "I was mostly inside the rink doing my rehab and trying to get back in that game mode.... Getting there. I'm on my way upward."

Bolland, who has been out since Nov. 2 recovering from a skate cut to his left ankle, travelled with the team on their final pre-Olympic road trip to Florida and Tampa Bay.

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NBA trade deadline. Wiz acquire vet guard Miller as they eye a playoff run

The Washington Wizards, pushing for their first playoff berth since 2008, acquired disgruntled point guard Andre Miller from the Denver Nuggets on Thursday in a three-way trade that also involves the Philadelphia 76ers.

The Wizards gave up two seldom-used players — forward Jan Vesely and point guard Eric Maynor. Vesely goes to the Nuggets, while Maynor gets shipped to the 76ers.

Philadelphia receives two second-round draft picks, one from the Wizards in 2015 and one from the Nuggets in 2016. Washington receives a protected 2014 second-round pick from the 76ers.

Miller hasn't played since his shouting match with coach Brian Shaw in the waning minutes of a loss to the 76ers on New Year's Day. The Nuggets initially suspended Miller for two games, then rescinded the suspension and announced that he would instead be excused from all team activities for personal reasons.

"Obviously we did our homework," Wizards president Ernie Grunfeld said. "I think that was an isolated situation, an isolation incident. We're going to move past that."

Miller, who turns 38 next month, has played with five teams over 15 NBA seasons. He averaged 5.9 points and 3.3 assists for the Nuggets this season.

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Raptors make a deal

The San Antonio Spurs have traded guard Nando De Colo to Toronto for former first-round pick Austin Daye.

- De Colo appeared in 98 games for the Spurs over the last two seasons, averaging 4.0 points and 2.1 assists. The member of the French national team made three starts this season while playing behind countryman Tony Parker.
- Daye signed with Toronto last summer and appeared in just eight games. The No. 15 pick in the 2009 draft has averaged 5.6 points and 2.8 rebounds in the NBA, also playing for Detroit and Memphis.

MEDALS

Nation	G	S	B	Tot.
United States of America	8	6	11	25
Russian Federation	7	9	7	23
Netherlands	6	7	9	22
Norway	10	4	7	21
Canada	**7**	**9**	**4**	**20**
Germany	8	4	4	16
France	4	4	7	15
Sweden	2	6	4	12
Switzerland	6	3	2	11
Austria	2	6	2	10
Czech Republic	2	4	2	8
Japan	1	4	3	8
Italy	0	2	6	8
Slovenia	2	1	4	7
Belarus	5	0	1	6
People's Republic of China	3	2	1	6
South Korea	2	2	1	5

WHAT CANADA DID

THURSDAY

CURLING

Women's Final - Canada defeated Sweden 6-3 to capture the **gold medal**, its first in women's curling since 1998. The Winnipeg rink, consisting of skip Jennifer Jones, third Kaitlyn Lawes, second Jill Officer and lead Dawn McEwen, became the first women's team to go through the Olympics undefeated.

FIGURE SKATING

Ladies Free Program - Kaetlyn Osmond (Sherwood Park, Alta.) received 112.80 points in her free program to finish 13th overall (168.98), while Gabrielle Daleman (Newmarket, Ont.) scored 95.83, 17th overall (148.44).

FREESTYLE SKIING

Men's Ski Cross - Brady Leman of Calgary fell in the final and ended up fourth, allowing the three other French finalists to sweep the podium positions. Chris Del Bosco of Montreal and Dave Duncan of London, Ont., were eliminated in the opening round and finished 17th and 26th overall respectively.

Ladies' Ski Halfpipe - Rosalind Groenewoud of Calgary finished 7th overall (74.20 points), while Keltie Hansen of Edmonton failed to qualify for the final and placed 13th overall.

ICE HOCKEY

Women's Final - Canada won its fourth straight Olympic **gold medal** in women's hockey, defeating the United States 3-2 in overtime. Marie-Philip Poulin scored with 55 seconds left in the third period to send it into overtime, and also scored the golden goal on the power play at the 8:10 mark.

CURLING

All Times Eastern
MEN
Wednesday's results
SEMIFINALS
Canada 10 China 6
Britain 6 Sweden 5
Friday's games
BRONZE MEDAL
Sweden vs. China, 3:30 a.m.
GOLD MEDAL
Britain vs. **Canada,** 8:30 a.m.
WOMEN
Wednesday's results
SEMIFINALS
Canada 6 Britain 4
Sweden 7 Switzerland 5
Thursday's results
BRONZE MEDAL
Britain 6 Switzerland 5
GOLD MEDAL
Canada 6 Sweden 3

CANADA 6, SWEDEN 3

Canada	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	2—6
Sweden	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0—3

CANADA
Team Shots: 77, **Points:** 253, **Percentage:** 82.
Jennifer Jones, Shots: 19, **Points:** 67, **Percentage:** 88.
Kaitlyn Lawes, Shots: 20, **Points:** 54, **Percentage:** 68.
Jill Officer, Shots: 20, **Points:** 61, **Percentage:** 76.
Dawn McEwen, Shots: 18, **Points:** 71, **Percentage:** 99.

SWEDEN
Team Shots: 77, **Points:** 266, **Percentage:** 86.
Maria Prytz, Shots: 18, **Points:** 61, **Percentage:** 85.
Christina Bertrup, Shots: 20, **Points:** 63, **Percentage:** 79.
Maria Wennerstroem, Shots: 19, **Points:** 67, **Percentage:** 88.
Margaretha Sigfridsson, Shots: 20, **Points:** 75, **Percentage:** 94.

HOCKEY

All times Eastern
MEN
Wednesday's results
QUARTERFINALS
Canada 2 Latvia 1
Sweden 5 Slovenia 0
Finland 3 Russia 1
United States 5 Czech Republic 2
Friday's games
SEMIFINALS
Sweden at Finland, 7 a.m.
Canada at United States, 12 p.m.
Saturday's game
BRONZE MEDAL GAME
Semifinal losers, 10 a.m.
Sunday's game
GOLD MEDAL GAME
Semifinal winners, 7 a.m.
WOMEN
Thursday's results
BRONZE MEDAL GAME
Switzerland 4 Sweden 3
GOLD MEDAL GAME
Canada 3 United States 2 (OT)

CANADA 3, U.S. 2 (OT)

First Period — No Scoring.
Penalties — Watchorn Cda (Body Checking Minor) 2:01, Mikkelson Cda (roughing) 6:13, Knight U.S. (cross-checking) 8:01, Watchorn Cda (tripping) 14:04, Bellamy U.S. (holding) 15:30.
Second Period
1. United States, Duggan 1 (Lamoureux) 11:57.
Penalties — Stack U.S. (hooking) 7:10, Schleper U.S. (cross-checking) 14:14.
Third Period
2. United States, Carpenter 1 (Knight, Stack) 2:01 (pp).
3. Canada, Jenner 1 (Mikkelson, Larocque) 16:34.
4. Canada, Poulin 1 (Johnston, Irwin) 19:05.
Penalties — Watchorn Cda (tripping) 0:07.
Overtime
5. Canada, Poulin 2 (Fortino) 8:10 (pp).
Penalties — Ward Cda (cross-checking) 6:09, Lamoureux U.S. (slashing) 6:15, Knight U.S. (cross-checking) 7:31.
Shots

Canada	9	8	10	4—31
United States	11	5	8	5—29

Goal — Canada: Szabados (W); United States: Vetter (L). **Power plays (goal-chances)** — Canada: 1-7; United States: 1-5.
Referees — Joy Tottman, **Linesmen** — Ilona Novotna, Zuzana Svobodova.
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Horoscopes

♈ Aries
March 21 - April 20
Even if you are the kind of Aries who loves surprises what happens today won't necessarily meet with your approval, especially if the joke is on you.

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
Patience and a sense of humour are a must today. Something is about to happen that not only takes you by surprise but makes your plans redundant, much to your annoyance.

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
Disruptions are likely across the board today but chances are you won't be as inconvenienced as some people. The good news is that upheavals tend to create new opportunities, so keep your eyes open.

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
Whatever activities you had lined up for the next 24 hours you may have to think again because unforeseen events will change everything. You may also have to let go of an idea you were attached to.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
You will discover something new about a friend or colleague today and although it may shock you a bit you will also be impressed, not least because they managed to keep it a secret so long.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Something dramatic will happen today and you won't be that impressed. However, if you keep your wits about you this is one surprise that can be turned in your favour.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
You may be bumpier than usual today but that's okay because you are not the sort to panic. You do like to spend money to make yourself feel better and that may be a mistake.

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
You need to confront a fear that has been holding you back and you need to do it now. A little bit of courage will take you a long way.

♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Either you will change your mind and annoy other people, or they will change their minds and annoy you. Either way tempers are going to be a bit on the short side over the next 24 hours.

♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Don't waste your time or your energy on someone who seems determined to get under your skin. Don't let this feud go on or could develop into something quite dangerous. Just walk away.

♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Just because you see things in a clear and logical way does not mean other people see with the same kind of eyes or understanding. You will encounter someone today who is rather dull-witted.

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
Most things are going your way right now but Saturn, planet of restriction, is still holding you back from following your dream. Take it as a sign that you're not ready to make that dream a reality.

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Crossword: Canada Across and Down

See today's answers at metronews.ca/answers.

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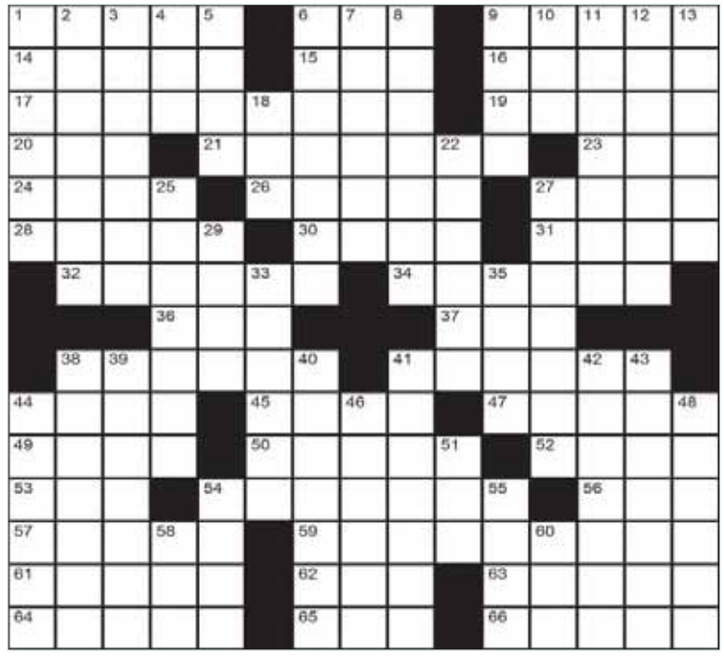

Across

1. Pandemonium
6. Toronto's Union, e.g.
9. SOCHI 2014 - Opening/Closing Ceremonies venue, __ Olympic Stadium
14. Canadian author of the Jalna novel series, Mazo de la __ (b.1879 - d.1961)
15. Record label
16. "...the bombs bursting __...": 2 wds.
17. Montreal borough
19. Joni Mitchell's "_ __ of You"
20. US tax ID
21. SOCHI 2014 - Speed Skating race, Team __
23. Days opp.
24. "So __ __."
26. Soothsayers
27. Rivers: Spanish
28. Lettered gyms
30. Prefix with 'logical'
31. Large lot
32. Pattern
34. Like partially melted snow
36. Writer Mr. Capote, to pals
37. US politics org.
38. Knowing
41. SOCHI 2014 - Podium hauls
44. Shock
45. Karmann __ (Volkswagen of yore)
47. Margarines
49. Ms. Helgenberger
50. French artist Mr. Matisse
52. Led Zeppelin IV, aka what?
53. www address
54. French island where Napoleon was born
56. __ favor (Please, in Spanish)
57. Ambition
59. SOCHI 2014 - Cross-Country race: 2 wds.
61. Soap star Ms. Francis
62. Offs opposites
63. Ms. Clark of country
64. Outer limits
65. Expanse
66. Change hair hue again

Down

1. SOCHI 2014 - Canadian Men's Ice Hockey captain, Sidney __
2. Hugh Laurie series, "__ _._."
3. Behave politely: 2 wds.
4. "__, '_' is then?" ...asked the person who initially thought 'S' was the 18th letter
5. Permeate
6. Administered an oath: 2 wds.
7. Strained
8. Qualities
9. Italian car
10. "Monsters, __." (2001)
11. District of __ (Vancouver Island municipality)
12. Past
13. Braid: French
18. 12th Greek letters
22. Opera, Tristan und __
25. Savouring
27. Hip-Hop group from Vancouver
29. King
33. Enthusiastic: 2 wds.
35. Reverse
38. Headlined
39. SOCHI 2014 - Winter Olympics sport
40. Lunchbox flask
41. Yahoo! CEO Ms. Mayer
42. SOCHI 2014 - One of the Mascots
43. "My apologies.": 2 wds.
44. Blur
46. So senseless
48. Military foray
51. 'Magnet' suffix
54. Third letters
55. Stars sci.
58. Try
60. Casual top

Yesterday's Crossword

Sudoku

How to play
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

8								6
	5	4				7	9	
			6	8	5			
		9	5	4	8	6		
2	8						7	5
		6	1	7	2	9		
			9	1	3			
	6	5				3	4	
3								1

Yesterday's Sudoku

2	1	6	4	8	3	9	7	5
7	5	8	6	1	9	3	2	4
4	3	9	5	7	2	1	8	6
9	6	4	3	5	7	2	1	8
8	2	3	1	9	4	5	6	7
5	7	1	8	2	6	4	9	3
1	4	7	9	3	8	6	5	2
3	8	5	2	6	1	7	4	9
6	9	2	7	4	5	8	3	1

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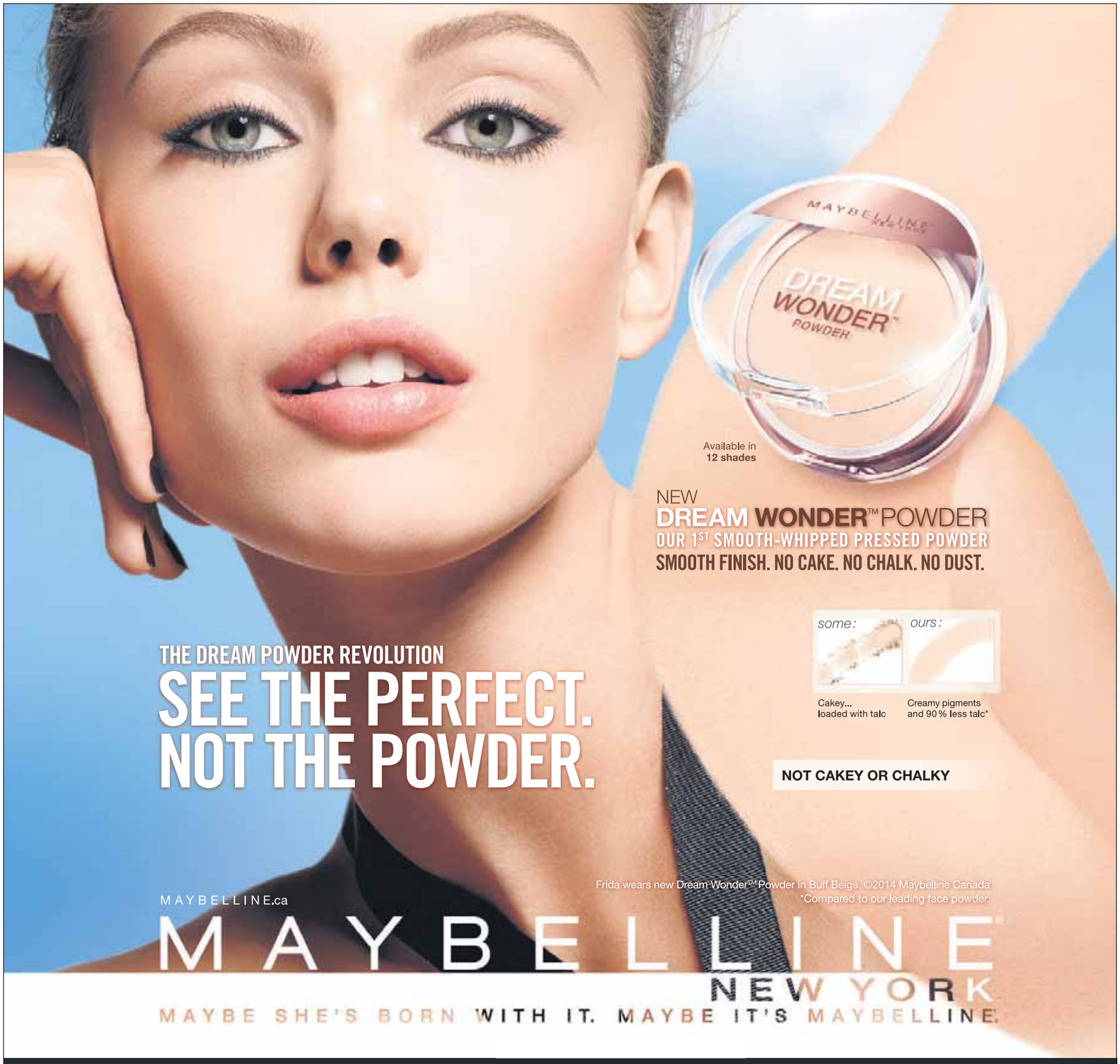

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